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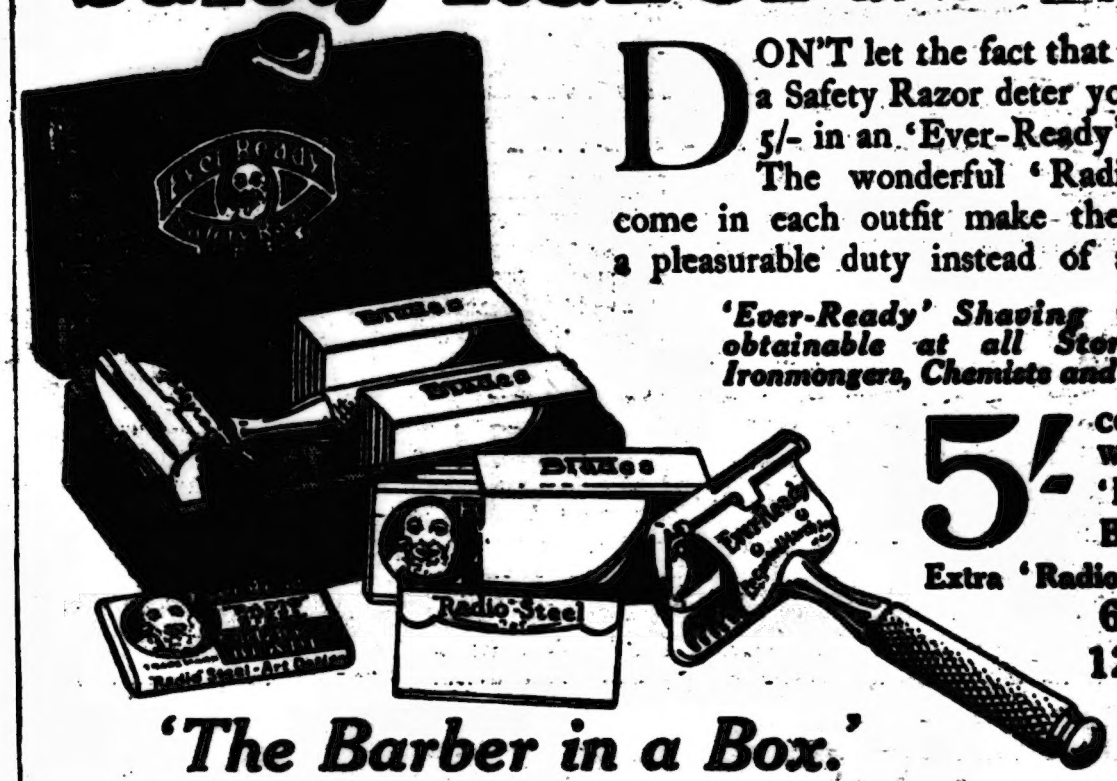

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"THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL."

[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]

Peace Day.

So it has been officially decided not to proclaim any more national holidays in celebration of the signing of Peace. Quite right—there is no Peace.

A "Surplus Government."

The Disposal Board are advertising "Surplus Government Property" for sale—why not the "Surplus Government" itself?

Fitting the Crime.

The Food Controller declines to state the terms upon which he offered to supply the Germans with, amongst other things, bacon. We trust one of them will be that they shall be made to eat it!

An Affront to Belgium.

Surely the Government is not serious in its declared intention to sell Capt. Fryatt's ship, the *Brussels*, by auction, after Belgium at enormous expense raised the vessel and handed it over to us.

Brother Hun.

Our dear brother Hun is living up to his reputation. When the first delivery of cattle (under the Peace Treaty) arrived in Belgium, the poor beasts—most of which died—were found stuffed with nails, hair and pieces of barbed wire!

Other Times, Other Manners.

Members of the House of Commons have been greatly interested in the heap of compliments piled by Lord Birkenhead upon the head of Mr. Asquith at the Oxford Union; and some of them have been amusing themselves in the Library by looking up "F. E." on the ex-Premier in the days gone by. It is wonderful how time and responsibility mellow one's views.

Strange Bedfellows.

Another instance of that truth is brought to light by Mrs. Dacre Fox, in her bright little *Political Bulletin*. It relates to the Premier and Lord Milner. Here are two quotations:—Mr. Lloyd George, in 1909: "Lord Milner found South Africa a smiling land, prosperous, leaping into great wealth—and left it after two years of mismanagement and miscalculation a scorched and blackened desert. He has a peculiar genius for running institutions and countries into destructive courses." And in 1918: "Is there any man in this country who is a more earnest, intelligent, drastic, thorough social reformer than Lord Milner?" Prosperity, as well as adversity, sometimes makes us acquainted with strange bedfellows!

Derby Sweepstakes.

There is to be some rare fun in the Law Courts—and we shall be in it. It will be quite like old times!

Freedom of the Seas.

Have you noticed that letters coming here from America bear an invitation across the stamps to "Join the Navy Training Travel"? What does it mean?

A Courageous M.P.

You may differ as much as you like from some of the views of Commander Kenworthy, but he is beyond question one of the most pertinacious and courageous men who have ever sat in the House of Commons, and, despite all his pugnacity, he has "got a way with him" which placates many Members.

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An Omission.

According to the *Graphic*, "Three mighty figures in the world's history have borne the resonant name of Horatio"—and in that category it is good enough to include us with Cocles of old, who "kept the bridge," and Lord Nelson. Has our *confrère*, however, forgotten that Horatio was also one of Kitchener's names?

More Bouquets.

The *Tatler*, too, pays us the compliment of saying that we are "a whole-souled patriot, a fearless critic whose active brain is in close communication with his no less active pen." How we *are* getting on, to be sure!

Racing Justified.

When the cranks some time ago endeavoured to stop horse-racing, it was fashionable to declare that it had no serious bearing upon the question of breeding. What do these extremists think of the fact that out of the sixty stallions which were awarded the King's Premiums this season, fifty-three had been raced and thirty-six of them were winners, and of the admission of the Board of Agriculture that in their award of premiums "the judges took into consideration the stallions' Turf record, being furnished by the Ministry with particulars of the racing performances of all the horses exhibited for premiums"?

Look to Your Letters.

Do you know that, under one of the sections of the Post Office Act of 1908, the Home Secretary claims the right to order the opening of *anybody's* letters? So be careful what you write. "Oh, what a happy land is England"!

The *Deutschland*.

We are sorry that the German submarine monster must leave Ramsgate this week—for Brighton, where she will be on exhibition off the West Pier on and after June 21st.

"Passport Piffle."

Our recent paragraph under this heading is bearing good fruit; and we have reason to believe that all travelling restrictions between France and Britain will shortly be abolished.

More Good Fruit.

In the same way we are gratified to note that the Prudential directors have decided to give a substantial increase of pay to their employees—including, we trust, the collecting agents, whose lot in days gone by has certainly not been a happy one.

Bravo, "Mac"!

Dr. Macnamara is rapidly impressing the Labour Ministry with his vigorous personality—his latest step being the appointment of a Committee to inquire into the question of Labour Exchanges, whose abolition we have long advocated.

The *Flush* Disaster.

We have already told the story of the hardships suffered by the relatives of the crew who went down in this boat, and who, owing to the fact that the vessel was American-owned, have so far been unable to get the necessary certificates to obtain even the death benefits for which they were insured—to say nothing of compensation. Anyone desiring to give a little help should communicate with Mr. C. W. Grainge, Joint Hon. Sec., *Flush* Disaster Fund, U.D.C. Offices, Blyth, Northumberland.

A Bad Loser.

The Boche is a bad loser—being neither a sportsman nor a gentleman—which are really interchangeable terms. Listen to this, from a letter written by Herman Meffert, of Hamburg, to a London business house: "As a German Officer, I am proud that the whole Entente, including America, has not by force of arms vanquished us. I can already prophesy that in a few years we shall reimburse ourselves." Our Government—in forcing the British to pay for the war—is making Herman Meffert's prophecy perfectly feasible.

Local Limerick.

[*At Marylebone a man, aged 72, refused an offer of bail, saying he had never been locked up and would "like to see what it was like."*]

There was an old daddy, quite free,
Yet in prison he wanted to be;
Straight for gaol would he strike,
Just to see what 'twas like—
But he wouldn't like what he would see!

Inglorious Beer.

During the war the Huns poisoned the wells. Who is now poisoning the beer? We have it from a correspondent, "Ni-broke," that on every hand he hears complaints that, since the Budget, the quality of draught beer has deteriorated. "It is the cause of gastric trouble with some consumers, and of a mild form of dysentery with others." As our authority writes from Manchester, a lot of people will be delighted they don't live there.

"Semi-Starvation."

The present plight of many pensioned elementary schoolmasters is shocking. One of them, whose service began in 1875 and finished in 1919, is now in a nursing home, bed-ridden and paralysed from waist down, with hands incapable of holding a pen. His pension is 41s. a week. Out of it he has to support a daughter in advanced phthisis, forced to live by the sea. "It is long-drawn-out semi-starvation," a friend writes on his behalf. We believe him.

Wearing the Breeches.

Although women no longer find their sex a bar to most occupations, they are still for the greater part ignorant of engineering matters. That being so, we can understand that when a practical man of thirty years' experience who applied for the post of Assistant Engineer at the Orsett (Essex) Union Workhouse was asked to see the House Committee, he was taken aback to find the aforesaid Committee composed of three women. "What," he asks, "does a woman know about boilers and machinery?"—presumably excluding kitchen boilers and sewing machines.

"No English Need Apply."

We recently drew attention to the fact that, while Englishmen and women desiring to leave India for a well-earned holiday are experiencing the greatest difficulty in securing shipping accommodation, natives seem able to book as many passages as they want. Apparently this discrimination against the Briton is general in the East. According to the *Straits Times*, as many as 41 Germans were on board the *Africa* when that vessel passed through Singapore recently, "although it is difficult for Britishers to obtain passages." Shipping shortage does not affect the Boche.

The Tale of a Tank.

Ex-Service men in Scunthorpe, Lincs., are indignant at the Council's treatment of the Tank presented by the War Office. It had been planned to instal this as a permanent memorial in the town, but the bulk of the Councillors are against this proposal, while the Vicar thinks that those who have been bereaved in the war would "not want to be perpetually reminded of their loss every time they walked past the Parish Church." So the engines are to be taken out and sent to the Higher Elementary School, "for the education of the scholars," while the Tank itself is apparently either to rust or be broken up.

Another Record.

We are assured by "Tom," of London, E.C., that although for seven months he has been attending the Labour Exchange in New Bridge Street, during the whole of that period he has never once been offered or sent to a job. This is extraordinary, as the man says he can do packing, warehousing and general labouring with pick and shovel, and would be glad of anything. What, then, is up with New Bridge Street?

Clerks and Cooks.

In one issue of a Lincolnshire paper are two advertisements that contrast queerly. Bracebridge Mental Hospital, Lincoln, offers for a junior clerk, with experience, £1 a week, "with dinner and tea." The poor devil appointed will need those meals, but if the food be as skimpy as the salary, he will not get fat on it. The other opening is for a cook, with experience, wages £2 10s. a week, full board, lodging, etc. The moral is, train up your child to cook, but not to clerk.

The Parson's Tithe.

Mr. G. Shelton, of Colchester, offers himself as a target for the parsons. Why *shouldn't* they pay rates on tithe, he wants to know? They haven't to spend a penny on the upkeep of the land whence they derive their income, and if they did not pay rates their share would have to be paid by the laity. "Why, man," we are told, "the parsons are doing very well just now. Their tithes must have gone up thousands of late, judging by what we pay. Our tithe in 1914 was £7 18s.; now it is £11 15s." The parsons need not all shoot at once.

Yankee Yarns.

For remarkable information about your own country, you should go abroad. The *Golden Age*, published in New York, given away gratis in Canada, contains these staggerers, among other taradiddles:—"In Manchester, seven-year-old children labour 10 hours a day for 11 cents. . . . The fact that these children have been reduced to slavery is attributable largely to the greed of their parents." Oh! those greedy parents, sending mites to work 10 hours for 5½d. But we guess not.

Pretoria Priest's Patriotism

There is a fine spirit of patriotism about a recent declaration of the Rev. Father Ryan, Roman Catholic Priest in Pretoria. "I would say," he exclaims, "let us Irish be one with England. The heart of England is true. She has endured untold sorrows to keep free the Belgium we should love, the France we should love. Were there a General Election to-morrow England would give justice to Ireland." Ireland can have "justice" any hour of any day in whatever measure Irishmen can agree upon.

A Blanket Swindle.

Those hardened offenders, the Colonial Clothing Co., of Railton Road, London, S.E., are up to their old tricks again. A hard-working war widow of Truro sent them £1 18s. 10d. for blankets. After a month's delay, she received something so described, but "in an awful state, stained most horribly, and nothing but rags." These she promptly returned, and the firm then sent her more "on approval," which were also sent back, as they were no better than the first. It is not surprising that she is still minus both money and goods.

A Stifling Crush.

Having regard to the overcrowding of the railways in the rush hours to and from the City—often 20 people are packed into a compartment constructed to hold 10—it is suggested to us by a Norwood resident that a small ceiling fan should be put into each carriage. We do not forget, however, that lots of people would rather be stifled than have their heads blown off.

The Barber's Chair.

Were we resident in Richmond, Surrey, we would certainly not patronise Maison Pol, 16, Hill Rise. An advertisement in the *Hairdressers' Weekly Journal* is our justification for this confession: "WANTED, first-class General Hand—foreigner preferred. Maison Pol, 16, Hill Rise, Richmond, Surrey." "Foreigner preferred"! Poor old England!

Superstitious.

It is comforting to have the assurance of Dean Inge of St. Paul's that "God is not the kind of person to send some dire calamity for dining one of 13, or for walking under a ladder, or for getting married in May." But will the very rev. gentleman have the goodness to refrain from describing the Lord as a "kind of person"? He reminds us over-much of the young curate who so frequently referred in his sermons to "Paul" that the vicar remonstrated. "Look here, sir, if you cannot bring yourself to call him St. Paul, do you mind referring to him as Mister?"

The Danger Leap.

Crews of vessels lying at Grangemouth go in hazard of life when their ships are moored to buoys in the middle of the dock. There are no ladders on the quay, and men going ashore are obliged to leap from their small boat to the top of the wall. On returning they must jump from quay to boat. Should they miss, the absence of ladders makes drowning highly probable. Last February four men lost their lives through the capsizing of a boat. We have mentioned this death-trap before, but nothing has been done to provide the necessary ladders and ropes.

Flat-catching.

John Fenwick, 3, Whalley Banks, Blackburn, advertises home employment, and applicants who forward fifteenpence for a "genuine proposition in money-making," receive an alleged palmist chart, with the impudent assertion that "substantial increases can be added to your income by advertising same." Fenwick also peddles an eighteenpenny book, "520 Everyday Money-Making Opportunities," of which, judging from the "literature" before us, he is not the only retailer. A 521st way would be for readers of his advertisements to have nothing to do with him.

"Sold Here."

Mr. William Spencer, of Wanstead, is angry with us about our paragraph on fire-water. He says the Spirits Combine many years before the war supplied retailers of methylated spirits with showcards proclaiming that "British Methylated Spirit is Sold Here." The point of our writer was, however, that one never saw them, and for that matter, he says, one rarely sees them exhibited on outer windows even now. The consumption of methylated spirit as a beverage has largely increased, and one cannot easily resist the conclusion that it is encouraged by these window showcards.

Local Limerick.

[At Tottenham, a young husband, summoned for wife desertion, said he had only married for a lark.]

A sprightly young fellow of Tottenham,
Thought weddings had larks, quite a lot, in 'em;
But he found things quite serious—
Hymen's bonds are imperious,
And 'tis hard to get out, once you've got in 'em.

A Wolverhampton Patriot.

Mr. R. Wood, Latherford, Wolverhampton, recently advertised for a wagoner, and the sole qualification which he demanded was of a negative order—"no ex-soldiers." Next time he advertises a vacancy perhaps he will be a trifle more explicit and state whether he prefers a "Conchy," or only an ordinary shirker. Possibly, he will also advertise his own war record.

Glamour of the Orient.

Really the Orient Line must buck up and feed its third-class passengers better. On top of complaints already printed we continue to receive others in corroboration. A passenger on the *Orontes*, having got up a fine appetite on deck, at the sound of the breakfast-bell dives below into the "dining hole," only to find his appetite killed by the scent of the food. The third-class fare is £37; first-class passengers, paying £112, have not been wholly content. Eatable food should be forthcoming at those rates.

A Warrior in Protest.

Henry Harmer, South Shields, ex-soldier, disqualified for his old occupation by gas-poisoning, now sells sweets. He sold some after 8 o'clock at night. He pleaded that he was obliged to; he must do one of two things—close at 8 and go to the Workhouse, or break the law to live. He had no money and could pay no fine. So the Bench fined him 10s. Harmer was actually on his way "downstairs"—to the cells—when a woman paid the money for him. It is time this silly "Dora" regulation was scrapped.

No Claim on State.

After 20 years of duty as X-ray attendant under the War Office—18 years at the Alexandra Hospital, Millbank—Mr. H. Henry contracted dermatitis in both hands. He then found that though by his salary he was a workman within the meaning of the Workmen's Compensation Act, X-ray dermatitis was not scheduled as a disease in that measure, and therefore he was not entitled to compensation. All he has received is £115 from the Treasury Compassionate Fund. He is slowly recovering, but if he had lost both hands he would have had no legal claim on the State whatever.

Dangerous Dermatitis.

There must be a considerable number of men engaged in this dangerous X-ray work on behalf of suffering humanity. Even the specialists at the top are poorly paid; those at the bottom so poorly as to bring them within the Act as workmen. Nearly all sooner or later develop dermatitis, and that means anything between crippled or amputated hands and death. As a matter of justice, therefore, dermatitis ought to be scheduled, so that those in the lower branches who contract the disease should have a legal claim to rightful compensation.

Houses First.

Manchester is awake to its powers under the Housing Acts. It has just settled its first case of the kind, where J. G. Brenner, Ltd., toy-makers, were summoned for converting into business premises three houses lately used as dwelling-houses. The Company were fined £50, Brenner £50, and two other directors £25 apiece. This is a salutary warning to people in a hurry that human needs must count before a desire to amass money.

Poor Beggar!

A Nottingham paper tells a surprising little story. A Derby miner, Harry Goddard, had the impertinence to speak to several men in Sadler Gate. One chanced to be a policeman in plain clothes. He, zealous officer, promptly did his inexorable duty and ran in poor Goddard on the charge of "begging a pipe of 'baccy." What is more astounding still, the incautious beggar was sent for 14 days' hard labour. Anyone dying for a smoke must in future size up the footwear of a person he approaches.

A Cunning Canvey Scheme.

A bright scheme for extracting half-sovereigns from the credulous is that of one Davies Culver, of "Sunnyside," Canvey-on-Sea, Essex, whose advertisements are designed to appeal to those in search of employment. Applicants receive a facsimile typewritten letter in which Culver admits he has no employment to offer, but promises on receipt of half-a-sovereign to forward details of a scheme which will give a profit "of £10 a week from the very beginning." All such offers are to be avoided, and we especially caution readers against advertisers in Canvey—where, owing to its geographical isolation, the King's Writ hardly runs. Of course, there *are* some honest traders there, but the rogues seem in undue proportion.

The Crime of Poverty.

When Mrs. Alice Lavina Barrett was charged at Norwich the other day with theft, the Court was piled with some two thousand stolen articles stored up in her house. Mrs. Barrett's statement that she had been stealing since she was eight and could not help it, having an irresistible craving in this direction, was supplemented by the evidence of Dr. Chalmers, who declared that she was "quite incapable of resisting the temptation to steal." If she had been a wealthy woman, she would, of course, have been held to be a victim of kleptomania. Not having these qualifications, she was sentenced to three months' imprisonment. Poverty is indeed a crime.

Our Free Insurance.

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CANDID COMMUNICATIONS.

This page is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties, and, occasionally, Nonentities.

To the Rt. Hon. Dr. H. A. L. Fisher, Minister of Education.

DEAR DOCTOR,—I have the honour to direct your attention to the case of an ex-Service teacher, Mr. Reynolds, Headmaster of the Lubenham School, near Market Harboro'. Mr. Reynolds entered a training college for the usual two years period in September, 1913. He served in the Army from October, 1914, to 1918, when he was discharged with the loss of a leg. Subsequently your Department appears to have certificated him, dating his certificate October, 1918. Now if Mr. Reynolds' training had not been interrupted by his military service, his certificate would have been dated July, 1915. The consequence is that he is minus three years on his certificate, and when he retires he will lose one-tenth of the allowance to which he will then be entitled. Surely, as a matter of mere justice, such teachers should not suffer for their patriotic service. JOHN BULL.

To John D. Rockefeller, Esq., New York City.

DEAR "JAWN D."—I might not call myself an admirer of yours through thick and thin, but your princely gift of nearly a million and a quarter to University College Hospital and its Medical School arouses my heartiest appreciation. There could be no greater privilege of vast wealth than its use to allay human pain and suffering; and although you are said to have given away some £35,000,000 to date, no donation of yours is likely to be of greater use to the community. The record for benevolent donations still belongs, I believe, to the late Mr. Carnegie, but you evidently believe flesh and blood to be more precious than free libraries.

JOHN BULL.

To Sir Robert Blair, Education Officer, London County Council.

DEAR SIR ROBERT,—The mother of six children, all under 12, tells me the teachers "take the little ones' boots off for drilling in their stockinged feet." Her husband is a crippled soldier; his pension is scarcely enough for food in these times; and withal these children are compelled to wear out at drill stockings which, at present high prices, are beyond the mother's resources to replace. "The little ones come home from school to say the teachers tell them I must buy drill shoes, but I cannot afford it." If poor children *must* have drill shoes, let the L.C.C. buy 'em—and chuck 'em on the rates, where so many other things similarly wasteful and similarly unnecessary are chucked. JOHN BULL.

To Harry Horace Finch, Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough.

YOUNG BULLY,—You are a cowardly young cur, as is shown by your violent and unprovoked assault upon Francis Joseph Bone a few days ago. Bone is 53, and did good service in both the Army and the Navy long before the war, and when you were probably sucking a soother. Notwithstanding his age, he gave up his job at Aldershot Gas Company to join up again as soon as possible when the war broke out. Some time after his discharge Bone found himself out of work, and his landlord, who is also yours, gave him the job of painting houses, including that which you occupy. Finding him at work, you, who had been "cushy" all through the war, asked: what —— Union he belonged to, and proceeded to assault him, knocking him down three times. That is not Trade Unionism, but dirty tyranny, and you richly deserved six months' imprisonment instead of the paltry £2 you were fined. JOHN BULL.

To the Chairman of Guardians, Islington.

DEAR SIR,—A midwifery nurse at your Board's institution received a blow with an inkpot from an inmate-patient. A cancerous growth resulted, and her left breast was removed. Following this, and medical certificates of unfitness, the Guardians superannuated her on a small allowance. Then she was examined by a specialist, and on his report that she might be fit for duty in three months, her little pension was withdrawn altogether. But the surgeon who operated does not agree with the Board's Medical Referee, and the nurse herself is still suffering and in danger of another operation. Small as her pension was, are the Guardians justified in withholding it? JOHN BULL.

To the Vicar, St. Martin's, Fenny Stratford.

SIR,—You carry your ideas of conventional morality so far as to drive a young woman to what you yourself would probably be the first to denounce as a "life of sin." When an eighteen-year-old railwayman recently appeared before the Bletchley Magistrates in an Affiliation Order case, it was shown that the banns of marriage had been duly published in your church on three consecutive occasions, but that you refused to celebrate the wedding in consequence of the girl's condition. The couple then endeavoured to get the Registrar to marry them, but he was unable to do so owing to the youth's age, his father having refused his consent—so that by your action you have prevented the young fellow from "making an honest woman" of his sweetheart. When a Minister of the Church is so lacking in the elements of Christian charity, can you wonder that the parsons have lost their hold on the masses? JOHN BULL.

To the Chairwoman, Housewives' Union, Ilford.

DEAR MADAM,—You have struck the trail. Carry on, and you look like bringing the Ilford profiteers to bay. As I understand, members of the Union make inquiries or purchases at different shops by concerted arrangement, compare prices, and "act accordingly." For instance, in one shop it is found that the price of Irish bacon is 3s. 3d. a pound and that in another it can be bought at 2s. 8d.; and so similar comparative differences in other articles. The more widely the Ilford Housewives' Union can make the results of their experience publicly known, and the more evidence they can obtain for the enlightenment of Profiteering Committees, the more the extortionists will feel a draught. With a Housewives' Union in every town, we soon should see some prices down. That, madam, is as near to poetry as I am able to get on this auspicious occasion. JOHN BULL.

To Messrs. W. H. Lord and J. Taylor, Magistrates, Torquay.

DEAR CADIS,—Judging by recent proceedings in your Court, it is certainly a toss-up whether dairymen charged before you with selling milk too richly endowed with water are acquitted or fined. The other day you had to consider the case of two men charged with this offence. One was a dairyman farmer, whose solicitor pleaded that if a cow "went on the bust" on grass, its milk would probably be more watery—and you accepted this contention and dismissed the summons. The second case affected a dairyman, who made his first appearance in Court after 25 years in the trade. He buys his milk from a neighbouring farmer, and was positive that he sent it out as received, but you fined him £2 2s. On the face of it there seems such a discrepancy between the treatment of these two defendants that it leaves me puzzled. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. William Sinclair Bruce, Chatsworth Place, Harrogate.

DEAR BRUCE,—When on the River Nidd, you discovered that six persons were in the water. Being a man, you promptly dived and saved one lady. Others of the party were fished out by your friends, and the last one you grabbed as he went under. Well done! But Knaresborough seemed not to think so—for, when you sought accommodation to dry your clothes, you were refused at the two houses you honoured with a call. So you gave it up, and went back to Harrogate wet through. I do hope you did not catch cold, but I should like Knaresborough's curmudgeons to feel a draught.

JOHN BULL.

To General Bernhardi, Berlin.

FIRE-EATER,—Before the war you spared no pains to reveal the Prussian ambition for world conquest. Your new book, "The War of the Future," shows that you have learned nothing and forgotten nothing. You now inform your countrymen that by using submarines they will be able to reduce England, France and Italy (date not specified), and you boast of the ease with which Germany can repeat her performance of a century ago and train a much larger standing army than she has pledged herself to maintain. Finally, you make it quite clear that Germany's "commercial aircraft" plans only camouflage her military ambitions in the air. It would be easy to dismiss you as a Bombastes Furioso, but perhaps you are doing us and our Allies some service by your unmistakable demonstration that Berlin's lust for power has not altered one iota since 1918. JOHN BULL.

To H. Cresfield, Esq. (Mayor), Chairman of the Bench, and Other Magistrates, Reigate.

DEAR SIRS,—A lady bought a wild rabbit. Nothing startling in that? No, but wait. Curtis and Co., Redhill, who sold the delicacy, charged 10½d. per lb.; the Control price was 9½d. Their shopman weighed it with the skin on, including that weight in the price. The lady said she did not want the bunny skinned; she wanted it with its fur on. But, while she was paying up at the cash-desk, that shopman removed the skin, and retained it. . . A summons for overcharge resulted. You, Mr. Chairman, announced that it was "dismissed, on repayment of 7d." to the lady. You thought it "a very curious practice that skins should be charged for and kept. . . . They might make a pound a day out of such transactions, and it was not . . . quite the thing." Words of wisdom, sir. But why eat them, and dismiss the summons—on payment of 7d.? JOHN BULL.

To the Chairman of Meath County Council.

SIR,—You backed the wrong horse in the £40-a-year-race between Mr. D. J. O'Byrne and Captain J. Fox. At the outbreak of war there were three veterinary surgeons in the Navan district, including Captain Fox. All three joined up. In the December of 1915 Mr. D. J. O'Byrne profited by the absence of the other vets. with the Colours, and has held the substitute appointment for 4½ years. Apart from this fact, there is no comparison between the professional qualifications of the two men. I am not surprised that the Sinn Feiners on the Council voted against Captain Fox; that Mr. J. A. Law and Sir Nugent Everard, H.M. Lieutenant for the County, both of them addicted to patriotic recruiting during the war, should do so and drag you, sir, and your casting vote with them, is an astonishing thing indeed.

JOHN BULL.

RICHES HAVE WINGS.

JOHN BULL: "But you promised me a bird in the hand!"

THE BIRD CATCHER": "Did I? Well, never mind; you can have two in the bush instead!"

A BLOW ON THE NECK.

INCONSISTENT STORIES OF DEATH AT A REFORMATORY.

One more of those mysterious deaths that occur only too often in asylums and similar institutions is reported from Kingswood Training School, near Bristol, really a reformatory. The deceased was a lad, named Larcombe, and the incidents, occurring in May, were outlined at the inquest. The young fellow, popular, and head of the school cadets, was annoyed by another inmate, who tampered with the taps while he was trying to wash. There was a quarrel, and the other lad, Allen, was struck. Then, while Larcombe was bending over the wash-basin, Allen hit him with a brush on the neck at the base of the head. Larcombe collapsed into unconsciousness. Carried to bed, he was treated for slight concussion, but the Matron next gave him stomach medicine, because she said he had been bilious: On Thursday, Larcombe became unconscious and died.

Medical evidence, after the post-mortem, was that there were no bruises where the blow had been given, no depression or fracture of the skull, and no inflammation at the top of the brain. "The blow had no relation to the cause of death. The cause of death was meningitis." So the jury returned a verdict of death from meningitis, and said the officers of the institution had given all proper care and attention to the case. Now, according to the dictionary, meningitis is "inflammation of the membrane of the brain." A blow such as Larcombe admittedly received is always liable to set up just that condition. But the doctor averred there was no inflammation "at the top" of the brain, and that the blow had nothing to do with the case—yet death was due to meningitis. Without taking any note of local rumours, it is fairly clear that more light is needed.

THE SHUT GATE.

SHELTER OF THE CASUAL WARD DENIED TO THE HOMELESS.

The casual ward is the last refuge of the hopeless and homeless. Even the professional tramp—work-shy and not over-particular—dodges "the spike" when possible. We can, therefore, picture the revulsion of feeling in a man who, forced to beg such a shelter, is refused it. So it happened at Kidderminster. A homeless wight knocked at the door of the casual ward there, but it was 6.15 p.m., and such ghastly shelters close at 6. The man was told he was too late. It was raining, he was on his beam-ends, and he had been a soldier in the war. Off he wandered, wet through and still in the rain. He wanted a bed; if he "slept rough," under a hedge on a stormy night, he would be locked up.

About nine the poor fellow returned to the workhouse and again begged for admission. The ward was still closed. Then there was a crash of glass. The hopeless wanderer had broken two windows. "Will you let me in now?" he asked. "Yes," was the reply, and, at long last, he was under a roof and in the dry. But the police were sent for, and he passed the night in a cell. When he was charged with the damage, a broad-minded J.P. said that, as the man had been locked up for two days, it was punishment enough. The same Magistrate had some sensible advice for the Workhouse Master, bidding him exercise more discretion regarding the admission of sober, homeless, good men, ex-soldiers and others, obliged to seek the shelter of the casual ward. It is not their wish; it is their cruel fate. The "luxury" of a roof to cover them at night must not be denied by a careless official because the caller is a little late. Misery knows no prescribed hours. It lasts all the while.

THE LORDLY LION.

A YANKEE FILM STUNT AND HOW IT WAS WORKED.

One incident in a recent loudly-boomed American film represents a lion hunt. A special expedition was declared by the Yankee Press to have been sent abroad to secure the picture, and a savage lion was said to have provided the necessary thrill by charging thirty natives, who after a desperate struggle brought down the ferocious beast with their spears. Mr. A. Blayney Percival, the Chief Game Ranger of the British East African Government, has, however, supplied the cold truth about the matter. The "savage" lion was a three-parts grown pet and a general favourite of the residents of Nairobi, where it was kept in a cage for some time and allowed any one to pat and fondle it. It was ejected with difficulty from its comfortable quarters by the "Expedition," and, helpless with fright, was brutally speared to death by thirty odd natives while the cinema operator turned the handle. So much for Yankee "truth."

A SLIMY ROGUE.

BOGUS THEATRICAL MANAGER SWINDLES WOMEN.

Few worse examples of that pestilential type, the bogus theatrical manager, have come our way than one Edwards (his Christian name is sometimes given as Bramhall and sometimes as George), who also uses the styles of Evelyn Wilford, Wilford and Victor, and Wilford and Toplis. One girl, to whom he tendered £2 10s. a week—in itself a sweated salary—was subsequently offered the principal part, which his wife was playing at the time, "if she would be good to him"—in plain English, sacrifice her chastity. On being repulsed, he paid her only a sovereign at the end of the week, and told her she could sue him for the rest. The chorus girls in this production received only 10s. instead of the promised 30s. a week; and when another of his company got a detective to approach him for enough money to pay her fare home, Edwards gave him a sovereign, and said "she could easily go on the streets and earn more." It may be mentioned that this harpy is thick-set, of about 5 ft. 7 ins. in height, with sallow complexion, thick dark hair brushed back, wears glasses, and has an impediment in his speech. He seems worth the attention of the police.

POSTAL PUNDITS.

A COLLEGE OF FEES AND FUN AT OXFORD.

"Wolsey Hall, Oxford," despite its name, is a correspondence "College," claiming to have arranged a brand new course of instruction for the recently created degree of Bachelor of Commerce. The course of instruction is out of date; the papers are discoloured from age, and some contain indisputably inaccurate information; lessons are not dispatched at the correct time; letters of complaint and inquiry remain long unanswered, are not answered at all, or are answered with sarcasm, hauteur, or insolence. When a student correspondent touches the raw, his letters are handed to the Principal, who takes a high tone, or the high hand. Here is a lesson in up-to-date economics: "Learn carefully: When prices rise, gold is plentiful." Another: "The elasticity of demand . . . would be 2.5 when a rise of 1 per cent. in price brought a rise of 2.5 in demand." Again, in a specimen model answer in Book-keeping, £15, plus £76, plus £10, gives a total of £15. "It is quite clear," confesses the Registrar in one of his epistles, "that our course of lessons cannot be as good as it should be." It certainly should be a great deal better than it is; and until it shows an improvement its value to a student for a degree in Commerce must be almost negligible.

WHO DID KILL BELLA WRIGHT?

£1,000 REWARD—AND A PRESENT FOR THE FINDER OF THE GREEN BICYCLE.

THE second chapter in the drama of the "Mystery of the Green Bicycle," as we christened it at the time of the murder—for murder it undoubtedly was—of poor little Bella Wright, of Leicester, has just closed. Ronald Vivian Light, the owner of the green bicycle, has been acquitted on the charge of having shot the girl. True he owned the bicycle; true he broke it up and threw its pieces into the canal; true the bullet found near the scene of the tragedy corresponded in character with those which were in his possession; true he was the last person seen with the machine; true also many other things. But there was such a remarkable absence of motive, and of any other evidence in any way illuminating the circumstances of the drama and fixing guilt upon Light, that the jury, faithful to their oath to "well and truly try and a true verdict give, *according to the evidence*," had no alternative but to bring in a verdict of "Not Guilty."

An Unimpeachable Verdict.

That verdict it is the right of no man, or woman, to question. Light has stood his trial, and there's an end of it so far as he is concerned. Only verdicts of conviction may be the subject of controversy—that is a fundamental principle of British law, and equally of human justice. Nor shall we follow the naïve example of some of our contemporaries, and unintentionally attribute the acquittal to the skill and eloquence of Sir Edward Marshall Hall. It was due to lack of evidence—although, of course, the ruthless analysis of the Crown's case at the hands of the brilliant King's Counsel—one of the very few truly great men at the Bar—was an important factor in bringing about its collapse. Nor, again, shall we associate ourselves with the cynical, and, as we think, actionable view of the *Daily News* (to take just one example) that the result of the trial may to some extent have been due to "the rather weak handling of the case for the Crown," and that "if the jury erred they erred on the side of mercy." Such sentiments are as ungenerous as they are un-British.

Who *Did* Kill Bella Wright?

But now comes the question—Who *did* kill Bella Wright? It was not a case of suicide; nor, in our view, was it a case of accident. *The murderer is still at large*, rubbing shoulders with decent citizens. And he must be discovered. At the time of the crime this journal offered a reward of £500 for such evidence as to the ownership of the green bicycle—which we must now assume we were wrong in thinking would establish the identity of the murderer—as would lead to his conviction. Our offer for the discovery of the murderer still holds good. Nay, more; we have decided to increase it from £500 to £1,000, believing as we do that where the tracking of a criminal is concerned, every incentive should be given to that end. And we are moved to offer this reward because it was due to our promise of £500 that the green bicycle was ultimately recovered, and that the avenue of inquiry in one direction was carried through to its final conclusion at the Leicester Assizes.

The Barge and the Bicycle.

It will be recalled that Mr. E. A. Whitehouse, when working on a barge last February, brought up from the canal on his tow rope a portion of a bicycle. When the rope tightened the machine fell off. But there was a possible reward hanging to it, and Whitehouse returned the next day and fished up the green bicycle—and so was started the chain of circumstantial evidence which brought Light to trial on the capital charge—the proceedings at which, it is no exaggeration to say, were watched with breathless interest by all who take an intelligent interest in crime detection—and who, in these enlightened days, is not fascinated by the "proper study of mankind"? Following Whitehouse's find, he wrote to us from 123 "A" Syston Street, Leicester, in these terms:—

> As I am the finder of the green bicycle that has led to the arrest of Ronald Light, I would be much obliged if you would let me know if I am entitled to the reward that was offered to anyone giving a clue to the murder of Annie Bella Wright. I found the cycle a mile from St. Mary's Mills, where deceased girl worked. So soon as I discovered the cycle was green I gave it up to the police, as I remembered what a hue and cry there was at the time of the murder for the green bicycle.

Well, as it has turned out, while Whitehouse found the green bicycle, his discovery has not led to the finding of the murderer. But, in view of the fact that our offer of a reward was the obvious inducement upon which Whitehouse quite properly acted and resulted in his fishing up the green bicycle, we have forwarded to him the sum of £50.

£1,000 Reward.

But what of the murderer—where is he? If only the dead girl could speak! Where are our clairvoyants and spiritualists? Here is a fine opportunity to demonstrate their powers. That a foul murder was committed is, as we have said, beyond question. Light, the last man seen with the victim, and apparently a stranger to her, is eliminated for ever from the inquiry. But there she lay, dead in the road, a few minutes after he had left her—a bullet wound in her head—without evidence or suggestion of either outrage or robbery. It is a bewildering mystery. Who will earn £1,000 by helping us to solve it? We make the offer in the public interest, knowing as we do that every undiscovered criminal whose immunity from arrest and judgment adds to the lengthening list of mystery crimes, adds also to the average citizen's sense of insecurity.

"A VICTIM OF FRIGHTFULNESS."

SUCCESS OF OUR EFFORTS TO HELP HER.

In our issue of the 3rd April last, we reported the sad case of a poor woman at Holloway—totally incapacitated by shock sustained in a London air-raid in May, 1918. For a time she drew 16s. weekly from the National Relief Fund, but this stopped last November—since when the poor soul had to pawn every article of value in her possession. We rendered temporary assistance, and entered into a correspondence with the Ministry of Health that extended from the 12th March until the 14th May, when we were informed that the War Relief Trustees had agreed to continue the allowance of 16s. per week. Four times the Ministry of Health had written to us to the effect that the case was "not one in which further assistance could be given"—but we stuck to our guns. We were able to prove that the woman's own doctor's opinion of her case was fully endorsed by the Ministry's medical man. Finally, however, we were compelled to say that the subject would be raised in Parliament. Almost immediately a reconsideration of the case by the War Relief Trustees was promised—with the satisfactory result already stated. The poor victim of Hun barbarity has been saved from the workhouse, and a Government Department brought to a sense of its responsibilities.

THE COLOUR BAR.

STRIKING PROTEST OF A DEMERARA MAN.

It is as difficult as, in our opinion, it would be unchristian, unpatriotic and unkind to withhold sympathy from a coloured sailor who puts his grievance before us. He is a British subject, born in Georgetown, Demerara, British Guiana. "I have been to sea from the time I was 12 years of age," so runs his story; "never on a foreign ship. I have faced the hostilist submarines. I have got shell fired. I have been in collision, also torpedoed, and nearly lost my life more than once during the war. Now the war is over, because I am a coloured man some men in this country refuse to sail with me. I pay my Union the same as any white man. I have wife and family, and think I got a right in the United Kingdom, like any white man, as I can hold my job as certificated cook on any British ship." On 27th May last this man, I. F. G. Baynes, was told by the Master of a vessel to go to the Shipping Office to sign on. When he arrived there the rest of the crew, white men—white men as to outside colour, if as to very little else—refused to sail with him. To put up the colour bar against a British subject in such a case is to our mind not playing the game. A black man with a white heart, who is a subject of our Empire's King, is entitled to white justice from us all.

AN INVITATION TO THEFT.

Y.W.C.A. KEY AS "OPEN SESAME" TO ALL LOCKS.

It is no pleasure to us to indict the Young Women's Christian Association, but a serious complaint of theft at one of its hostels compels us to do so. At the hostel in Paisley, each bedroom, to accommodate three girls, contains a wardrobe and chest of drawers. One key will open the lot. Not only the lot in each room, but every wardrobe and every drawer in every chest of drawers all over the hostel. That, surely, indicates laxity of control and great carelessness. The result can be imagined. There have been numerous instances of small thievings, but worse remains. Four residents, busy workgirls, and three of them orphans, found on arriving back one night that their locked-up clothing had been overhauled and wickedly mauled in their absence. A quantity of wearing apparel had been cut and sliced with knife or scissors and rendered worthless. The actual cost of the destroyed clothing was £36—clothing paid for by girls struggling on a small weekly wage. Yet the Association cannot see its way to award any compensation whatsoever. It is a cruel shame, for we assert that the practice of permitting everybody on the premises to handle one general key—an "Open Sesame" to every lock—paved the way for such an outrage.

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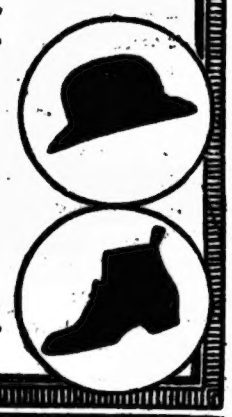

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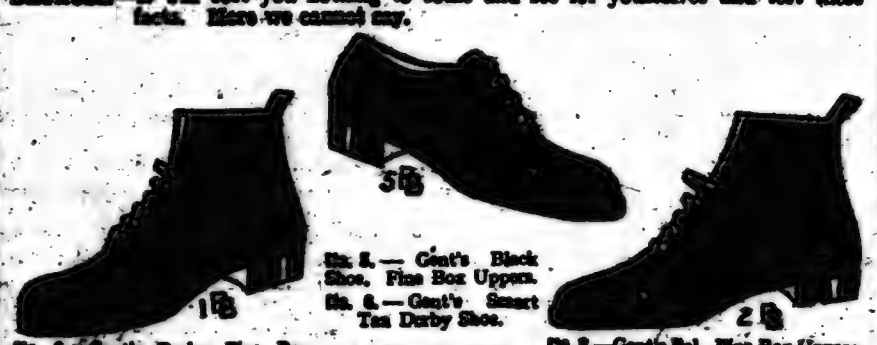

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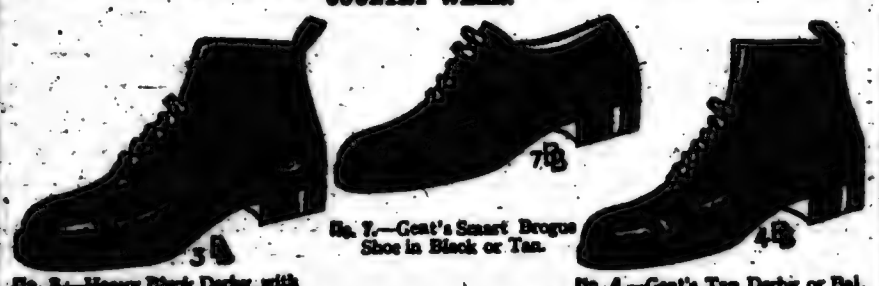

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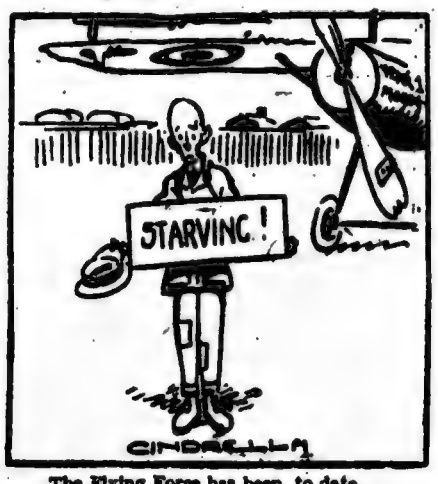

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"We found some difficulty at first in deciding as to the first prizes, inasmuch as there appeared to be several recipes of equal merit, but after careful consideration we have come to the conclusion that the prizes should be awarded as follows :—

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GENERAL DYER'S SPL

"Eighty Women to be Shamed"—Beaten to Death

By THE EL

UP to the time of going to press, the Debate on the Amritsar affair—the shooting down by General Dyer of a number of Indian natives who, in defiance of his Proclamation, assembled in seditious meeting—has not taken place. We were to have had it last Thursday; but, in the course of Question time on the Wednesday, it became so patent to the Government that there is a large amount of sympathy in the House for the gallant officer, that specious reasons were suddenly discovered for postponing the discussion—although we are promised it during the present week, and, according to the Prime Minister, it may possibly take place to-day, Wednesday, our London publishing day. Be that as it may, there is so much behind the tragedy that I make no apology for dealing with it at some length—in the hope of preventing a grave injustice to a gallant soldier who, in the light of all the evidence before me, I have no hesitation in saying saved India for the Empire. That man, of course, is General Dyer—although we must not withhold acknowledgment of our indebtedness to Sir Michael O'Dwyer, the Governor of the Punjab, and those who so loyally backed him up.

Incipient Mutiny in India.

To tell the plain and simple truth, India has been in a state of incipient mutiny for a long time past. The war afforded a fine opportunity for German and Bolshevik propaganda amongst the natives, and at the time of the occurrence in question—in April of last year—matters had come to a crisis. The natives were being exhorted by proclamation to kill all Europeans; white women were being chased through the streets for outrage; banks were being ransacked and their managers done to death—no European was safe. The seat of the trouble was in the Punjab, but things were almost as bad in other parts of the country. In one town, for instance, affrighted women had taken refuge at one of the rallying points, as they were called, waiting eagerly for the arrival of troops to protect them—whilst notices were issued by the natives stating that there were "eighty women and children waiting to be ravished"! "Die and kill" was another native placard. And no girls' school was safe. The Archbishop of Simla—his letter has been quoted in the *National News*—for instance, writes:—"Can the public imagine what my thoughts were when late at night, before going to bed, I felt it my duty to visit the adjacent schools, where there were nearly three hundred girls, whose parents were hundreds and thousands of miles away, to see that all was well under the quiet watchfulness of a few British soldiers?" And the same journal also quotes a letter from a lady resident in the Punjab, who says:—"As one of the Englishwomen who were warned to be ready to go to the Fort when the signal gun was fired, I appeal to every Englishman, every Englishwoman, worthy to belong to this dear land of ours, to protest against the vile injustice that has been done to Sir Michael O'Dwyer and to General Dyer." And here is a communication from another woman witness. It comes from Mrs. Bulkley, of Honiley Hall, Kenilworth:—

> Outside the Birmingham Town Hall are posters referring to "Amritsar Massacres," and announcing a meeting at which the two speakers are Mr. Patel and Mr. Horniman. The latter, to the best of my belief, was extradited as a dangerous agitator, and the *Bombay Chronicle*, of which he was editor, temporarily suppressed. Personally, I was in Ahmedabad at the time of the Amritsar riots, where we experienced riots of a similar nature. I have not the least hesitation in saying that the prompt action of General Dyer in the Punjab saved our lives. A British Police Sergeant, their first victim in Ahmedabad, had his hands cut off and was then hacked to pieces. At Viramgham, a small station in the Ahmedabad district, a loyal native, the Aval Kakun, who ordered the Treasury guard to fire on the mob, was tied to a chair, with the official records piled round him. They then poured kerosene oil on him and set fire to him, thus burning him alive.
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> I expect you know that the mob burnt down the collector's office and most of the other Government buildings in the Budda (Ahmedabad), and that although the guard at the Bank of Bombay fired on them, the Bank was left untouched owing to the fact that many securities of natives in Ahmedabad were in the bank at the time.
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> We people are powerless to help the man who, by a great decision made in a few minutes, saved us all from a fate too horrible to think of.
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> A man like yourself, to whom the world listens and who is always on the side of justice, will surely, for the good of the Empire, bring the real facts of the case before the British public.
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> My husband endorses everything I have said.

I have before me as I write the letters of other men and women who were in the midst of the incipient mutiny. All pay just tribute to the splendid conduct of the man who saved India. But now let us look at the Report of the Committee which was set up by the Government to inquire into the brave action of General Dyer. I have no hesitation in saying that it is a wholly dishonest Report—made, too, by men not one of whom had any experience of Indian administration, while the vicious Minority Report was presented by three natives, one being a leading Bombay advocate who was so inimical to British rule that action had to be taken against him, and another a leading politician who had violently attacked the Punjab authorities—and yet the Government of India, in what I can only describe as a hypocritical despatch, laid it down that the Committee should be "a body of commanding weight and high judicial experience, in which perfect confidence could be reposed by the public both at home and in India." Writing as I do with a full sense of responsibility, I have no wish to inflame Indian feeling, already stirred by unscrupulous agitators to a dangerous incendiary state. But I repeat that when the British public come to know the awful condition of things in India when General Dyer indulged in what I venture to describe as splendid brutality—when he acted with, if you like, brutal sternness—he imposed such a moral—yes, and material—check on the forces of disorder as saved India from the horrors of a second mutiny, and the white women and children from a fate more cruel than death itself.

Commission's Sway-Boat Judgment.

What is the worst that can be urged against General Dyer? It is that after warning by Proclamation that if any seditious gatherings were held they would be at once fired upon, when in rebellious and open defiance 15,000 to 20,000 persons met in the Jallianwala Bagh at Amritsar he ordered 50 native soldiers to fire upon the crowd. The loss of life was grievous; the toll of wounded was great. But the Hunter Commission—which was not called into existence until six months after the event—while admitting the immediate and salutary effect of his action, panders to the insurgent and anarchist gang in India by condemning the gallant soldier who had the courage to act with promptitude and with well calculated severity. Never was there such a sway-boat judgment. On the one hand they denounce what he did; on the other they admit that "after the firing at Jallianwala Bagh no serious outbreak occurred in Amritsar," and that "the life of the city gradually resumed a normal aspect." It might be thought by a casual reading of the Hunter Report—I wonder how many persons have been influenced by the condemnation of Sir Michael O'Dwyer, who was at the time Governor of the Punjab, and of the splendid soldier who saved India—that the condition of India was not bad. Yet there was a concerted outbreak of bloodshed and rapine. Murder, attempts to murder, arson, derailing trains, removing rails, damaging telegraph lines, wrecking postal and telegraph offices, "caused," in the words of General O'Dwyer, "in a few days damage to the extent of over a quarter of a million sterling in the Punjab alone." Mutiny—as everyone who was there at the

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time knows—was raising its menacing head, not only in that province but in Bombay and in Calcutta. The movement, as the ex-Governor General tells us (and who should know better?—certainly not the smug Mr. Montagu, safe and sound in Whitehall) had spread North through the Punjab, along the railway into the Frontier Province, where it synchronised with the Afghan aggression and the tribal risings, "both of which, there is ample evidence to show, were directly encouraged by the action of the revolutionaries in the Punjab." I know the German-Bolshevik influences which led to the dangerous difficulty with Afghanistan, and I know, too, as Sir Michael O'Dwyer tells us in the letter from which I quote, that a serious outbreak at Peshawar was only averted by the prompt measures taken to surround the city with troops "and remove the local ringleaders, *who were being supplied with money and literature by the Amir's agents.*" You see the dastardly game. German-Bolsheviks inflamed with money the Afghans, and the Afghans inflamed the erstwhile loyal natives, hitherto ready to own allegiance and loyalty to the British Crown. General Dyer, one of the straightest and most humane of officers, has been condemned without trial. A packed Commission has passed a verdict to save the face of the Government of India—a verdict which is a disgrace to British justice, and which, if allowed to remain, will ultimately mean the loss of India. Why do I say that? Because, disguise it as you may, India which was won by the sword must be held by the sword. Once show weakness—let the dusky native realise that the officer or official who upholds the beneficent power of the British Empire in our great Eastern dependency is to be broken on the wheel to satisfy the blatant clamour of the disloyal and disaffected—and no man with an ounce of self-respect will submit himself to the risk and the ignominy of any mortifying censure. I have said that a large part of India was seething with rebellion. There were happenings during the war, the news of which was suppressed under the convenient mandate of D.O.R.A, which would have made "each particular hair" of the average Englishman stand on end.

Beaten to Death and Burnt.

But it is not necessary to go beyond the Punjab or outside the boundaries of Amritsar to excuse the splendid brutality—I am not ashamed to repeat the phrase—of General Dyer. Do my readers know that at the National Bank in Amritsar the manager and the assistant manager were "brutally beaten to death by the mob"—I am quoting the Hunter Report; do they know that the manager of the Alliance Bank was "cruelly murdered and flung from the balcony into the street," that his body was "burnt under a pile of bank furniture drenched in kerosine oil"? Do they know that a lady Missionary, when cycling in a narrow street, was ruthlessly brought to the ground and savagely beaten—that when, with the splendid pluck of an English woman, she remounted, she was again pulled off her bicycle, and kicked and left for dead? Do they know that such was the condition of things that the Civil authorities "threw up the sponge"—that it was considered "a state of war" had broken out, and that General Dyer in the midst of it all was sent for to quell this hideous anarchy, and stop without delay these repellant murders, with a hand-full of loyal native soldiers? I say this: that the British people when they know these things will be no party to the indignity and injustice sought to be heaped upon the gallant head of General Dyer—the man who saved India. And I say this too: that the miserable mouthings of Montagu—the man who pandered to the rebels in India and who with his Oriental leanings has been ready to palliate the misdeeds of the native incendiaries who are anxious to overthrow the British Raj, and to incite the impressionable millions of India into a mighty rebellious rabble, will not affect the sober and considered judgment of the British people. Let me quote something more from the Secretary of State's letter of censure, with its mean truckling to the sentimentalists and its denial of justice to the man who broke the back of mutiny, and also from the Report of the Commissioners. They are forced to admit this:

> It is more than probable that General Dyer's action so intimidated the lawless element in the population of Amritsar and neighbouring districts of the Central Punjab as to prevent further manifestations of disorder. The Government of India cannot, however, accept this as a justification of the continued firing, which greatly exceeded the necessities of the occasion.

There you have it. General Dyer did the right thing, but—according to these men who were not there, knew nothing of the condition of things, and have refused to inquire into the linked rebellion throughout wide territories in India—he did it in the wrong way. And again the praise and blame with a travesty of impartiality:

> General Dyer has made no attempt to minimise his responsibility for the tragedy, or even to put a favourable complexion on his action or purpose. In circumstances such as General Dyer was confronted with an officer must act honestly and vigorously, but with as much humanity as the case will permit. We recognise that in the face of a great crisis an officer may be thrown temporarily off the balance of his judgment, and that much allowance must be made on this account. We recognise further that, *however injurious in its ultimate effect General Dyer's action may have been, it resulted in an immediate discouragement of the forces of disorder.*
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> Nevertheless, after carefully weighing all these factors, we can arrive at no other conclusion than that at Jallianwala Bagh General Dyer acted beyond the necessity of the case—beyond what any reasonable man could have thought to be necessary—and that he did not act with as *much humanity as the case permitted.* It is with pain that we arrive at this conclusion, for we are not forgetful of General Dyer's distinguished record as a soldier or of his gallant relief of the garrison at Thal during the recent Afghan war.

But for nauseating cant commend me to the stay-at-home Mr. Montagu. From what I have read, from all the inquiries I have made, I say unhesitatingly that the Europeans were in grave danger. Don't forget that notification to ravish—to dishonour—eighty women and children; remember the murders and the burnings, the cruel outrages on defenceless women, and in the light of that knowledge read this nauseating homily:

> That Brigadier-General Dyer *displayed honesty of purpose and unflinching adherence to his conception of duty* cannot for a moment be questioned. But his conception of his duty in the circumstances in which he was placed was so fundamentally at variance with that which his Majesty's Government have a right to expect from and a duty to enforce upon others who hold his Majesty's commission, that it is impossible to regard him as fitted to remain entrusted with the responsibilities which his rank and position impose upon him.

This man—whom we now know deliberately deceived the House of Commons and pretended to know nothing of the Amritsar affair, when all the time he had had the full facts from interviews at the India Office with Sir Michael O'Dwyer—is not the type of politician who can ever hope to gain the respect, let alone the confidence, of the British people. He is of a class apart—he is profoundly ignorant of the temperament and mentality of the British people. Seated in the safe security of Whitehall, six thousand miles distant from the scene of the horrors of Amritsar, and a year after General Dyer had saved India by his drastic and courageous action, Mr. Montagu dares to lecture this gallant officer—to prate of duty and discretion. Dyer saved India by his splendid brutality, and not all the miserable mouthings of Montagu, nor the facing-both-ways of the Hunter Commission, will rob him of the grateful thanks of all fair-minded Englishmen, nor deny him the rightful verdict of history upon his decision and courage. "Hats off to Dyer!"

IN THE BARBER'S CHAIR.

ALDERMAN SIR JAMES SZLUMPER, OF RICHMOND.

Come in, sir. Let me give you a 'and. Go steady! Old gen'l'men like you oughter take things quiet . . . Don't excite yourself, sir. . . . *You don't consider yourself old?* I'm pleased to 'ear it . . . *Only a little over eighty?* Really? That's nothink. Some men git feeble-minded before thet age. But nobody kin say thet of you. You've got sense enough to come to a first-clarss barber, any'ow . . . *'Air cuttin'?* Cert'n'y. Set 'ere, if you don't mind.

Yes, it's a treat to find age an' good, sarnd sense combined—*thet* it is. But it ain't always the case, dad, if you'll excuse me fur bein' a bit fermilier. Larst week there was Alderman Clark o' Tonbridge torkin' a lot o' tosh about mixed bathin', and now we've jest 'ad Alderman Sir James Szlumper kickin' up a n'ell of a row about the Pierrots on Richmond Terrace. 'E told a meetin' o' the Richmond Town Council thet 'e went to the show an' was shocked some-think *hawful*! An' 'e proposed a resolution thet the troupe shouldn't be allowed to perform there no more . . . Wot's the matter, fathur? You seem a bit uneasy. It ain't the palsy, I 'ope?

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Well, as I was a-saying, 'e was 'orrified at wot 'e saw. An' wot was it, w'en 'e came to the point? It was the Pierrette's legs. Some people seem to think legs is rude. I dunno w'y, I'm shore. Most of us 'ave got a couple wot we carries about with us, an' I, fur one, don't feel no cause to be ashamed o' mine. But this Pierrette's legs fair give the ole Alder-man a startler! 'E sed one was vi'let an' the other blue. 'E seemed to think thet for a gal to 'ave two legs of assorted colours was shockin'. But fur my part I don't see nothink more im-moral in a blue leg then in a blue-bag. But 'e did! On account o' them two coloured legs 'e'd 'ave 'ad the troupe turned out o' Richmond, if 'e 'ad 'is way. It didn't matter to 'im thet the Pierrots 'ad served their country an' was earnin' a honest livin' by cheerin' up the people an' makin' 'em larf. They was all dam'd in 'is eyes by them startlin' legs. 'E didn' stop to arsk w'y the pore gal 'ad got a diff'rent colour stockin' on each leg. It didn' occur to 'im thet she 'ad put on two odd ones in 'er 'urry. The fac' thet one was vi'let an' the other blue was all 'e troubled 'is pore ole 'ead about. . . . .

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Oh, you *are* Sir James Szlumper, are you? I 'ad a *hidea* you was, else I wouldn't 'ave brought up the subjec' o' them legs . . . *You stand by wot you sed before the Richmond Town Council*, do you? I'm glad o' thet. I like a man wot knows 'is own mind, even if it ain't worth knowing . . . Wot, you consider thet *the display of female legs in vari-coloured tights has an evil effect upon the youthful mind?* Git out! It's the *old* minds wot it seems to 'ave a' evil effect upon. Look at you, f'rinstance. Them legs caused you to make a silly of yourself at the Council meetin', to begin with. An' now you're tremblin' all over becos' we're dis-cussin' the subjec'! I'm afraid you ain't safe w'ere legs is concerned, sir. You'll 'ave to wear smoked glarsses w'en you go out, w'ether to go to the Pierrots or to walk in the Park. Becos' you know as well as I do thet nowadays the ladies' dresses is . . . *Drop it?* Drop wot? The ladies' dresses? If you mean let 'em down a little lower I might be inclined to agree with you. But it all depends on the legs. There's legs *an'* legs. Wot shape was thet young Pierrette's, may I awsk? . . . *Change the sub-jec'?* You wanted the gal to change 'er stockin's, an' now you want to change the subjec'. Any-'ow, I'll go an' see fur meself. I 'aven't bin to Richmond for some time, an' I could do with a w'iff o' fresh air. One was purple an' the other blue, I think you sed? . . . Wot—'e's gorn!

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FINANCIAL NOTES—AND ADVICE TO INVESTORS.

By OUR CITY EDITOR.

The War Wealth Levies Fiasco.

The outstanding feature of last week's financial history was undoubtedly the throwing overboard of Mr. Austen Chamberlain and his war-wealth levy proposition. Any kind of fool, except a Bolshevik, could have told him that his scheme was impracticable and bound to fail. At the very outset, when he appointed a Committee to inquire into the subject, I pointed out the futility of that course and said that if two or three Treasury officials had given an hour's honest consideration to the problem it would never have been brought forward. Mr. Cham-berlain chose to press the idea by every means in his power and got representatives of the Board of Inland Revenue to stultify themselves in making Bedlamite suggestions.

The Chancellor's Bunkum.

It was hoped that he was only planning, in a somewhat clumsy way, to prove to the anarchists in the Labour Party what sort of folly they were running after. But, oh dear no, when the Committee he had appointed unanimously vetoed the idea he badgered them into fiddling with a scheme which was only a shade less impossible than the first. And in the end, after months of unsettlement in the business world, after damning the latest effort to raise money to reduce the floating debt, after proving that the credit of any Little Peddleton local authority stands higher than that of the British Empire, he has the effrontery to come forward and say he never meant a scrap of it! Surely it is the limit.

Tea Shop Profits.

Although the net profits of J. Lyons and Co. are up nearly £140,000 at £397,000, the report states that this is due to the greatly increased turnover and that the ratio of trading profit has again diminished. All the same, the company has been extremely successful, and Lyons' depots are evidently more popular than ever. The dividend has been raised from 35 to 42½ per cent., which was the rate paid before the war, but since then the capital has been con-siderably increased and the results may be regarded as eminently satisfactory The manage-ment is a shining example to other joint stock enterprises engaged in similar business, and the shareholders may be congratulated on the results obtained.

Two Interesting Items.

I gleaned two interesting items from last week's company meetings. First, that the businesses owned and controlled by British Glass Industries, Ltd.—conducting what is now known as a "key industry"—are earning profits of about £600,000 a year, with extremely bright prospects for the future. The decision to capitalise the premium reserves of upwards of two millions is also a wise one. Secondly, that the Gresham Fire Insurance Co.—which has hitherto been regarded as somewhat of a mill-stone round the neck of that old-established Insurance Co., the Gresham—has apparently turned the corner, and the future prospects are most encouraging.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

(All enquiries must be accompanied by a postal order for 1s., and bear the full name and address of correspon-dents as evidence of good faith.)

W. B. (Carlingford).—Keep both *Burmahs* and *Mexican Eagles*. You were unlucky getting in so near the top, but if you have patience you will come out all right in the long run.——J. R. (Barnham).—*English Oilfields:* I think the shares are greatly over-valued at the present price.——P. McD. (Bathgate).—*Alliance Film:* You must offer to pay in full. Of course your shares may have been forfeited meantime owing to your failure to pay at the due date.——P. B. (Keith).—*Pemberton-Billing Economic Houses, Ltd.:* It is a very promising scheme and deserving of all support in helping to solve the housing problem.——Jim (Waterport).—*National Welsh Slate Quarries:* I have a poor opinion of the prospects and do not recommend a purchase.——J. W. (Mauchline).—If it is a 5 per cent. Exchequer Bond the present value of £40 is about £38.——Mrs. G. (Reading).—*Nakamun Asphalt:* The company has ceased to exist and the shares are quite worthless. My readers were repeatedly warned against it at the time.——H. W. C. (Hove).—*Tillings Ord.* at 17s.6d. are a fair speculative investment, and the same may be said of *Brighton Grand Hotel* £5 shares at 65s. *Brighton West Pier* shares are not quoted here.——F. T. (Brighton).—*Amalgamated Cotton Mills* and *Salvage and Towage* are both good companies. I prefer the latter.——J. W. (Ennis-kerry).—*Cornwall Slate Quarries:* You are entitled to withdraw your application if no allotment has been made, and I should recommend you to do so.——A. R. M. (Withernsea).—*Ceylon Consolidated:* Output is improving and the prospects appear fairly en-couraging. I have not seen any recent quotations for the shares.

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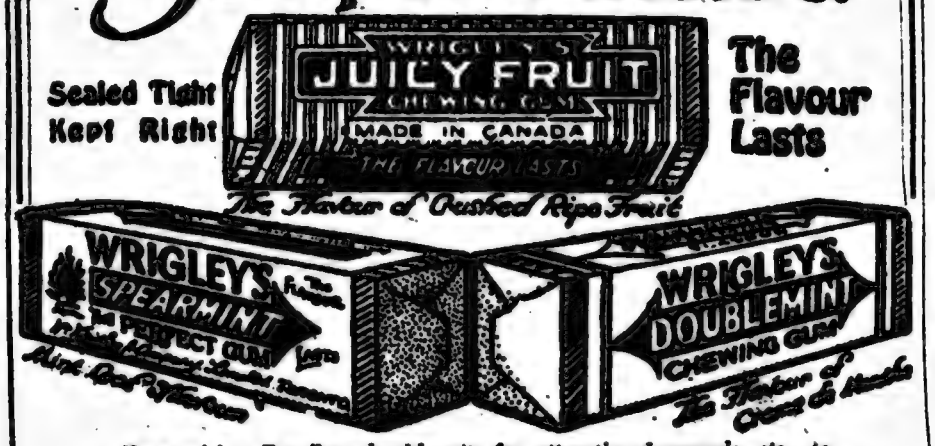

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JOHN BULL AT PLAY.

RACING, CRICKET, BOXING AND OTHER SPORTING NOTES.

RACING.

The weather can make or mar an Ascot. The sun has only to shine throughout the week for the social side of the meeting to be an assured success—a Royal Ascot indeed, with the King and Queen gracing the fixture all four days. The tone of the racing will reach the usual high level. With seven French horses down to compete, an international flavour will be imparted to several of the chief contests. Last week's Newbury success of Great Seal endorses the view we formed at Chester that Buchan is the most improved of all our four-year-olds. The Manton-trained colt has grown and lengthened in his frame since last year.

Merits of our Four-Year-Olds.

Much has been written in a eulogistic strain about the superlative merit of our three-year-olds. We are not so enamoured of the second-season colts, or the fillies for that matter. It is the four-year-olds that have been carrying all before them this season—maybe most of the richest prizes at Ascot this week will fall to the share of the animals of that age. Tangiers holds a big brief for four-year-olds. We were immensely impressed by the sterling qualities of this stout-hearted colt when he justified the plumper we gave him both in the "Jubilee" and again in the Newbury Summer Cup. He will indeed prove a rival worthy of Buchan's steel in the Gold Cup. A colt that does little on his home gallop but is brilliant on a racecourse is of the type that counts. The triangular battle between Buchan, Tangiers and Pomme de Terre in the Gold Cup will probably show of what mettle our four-year-olds are made. Horses of that age. have so far won the Lincolnshire Handicap, City and Suburban, "Jubilee," Chester, Manchester and both Newbury Cups. It should be a close thing between Buchan and Tangiers, though our allegiance goes slightly in favour of the former.

Royal Hunt Cup.

Glanmerin, Grandcourt, Monteith and Violoncello are four colts worthy to represent their age in the Royal Hunt Cup. A formidable coterie without doubt. Perchance they will hold their own against opponents of other ages, especially if Ugly Duckling waits for other "worlds to conquer." If he runs and is backed, then the ugly one will take his own part. The "Jubilee" always provides a safe guide to the Hunt Cup. Maybe both Mr. Lowry's horse and Monteith will be on the scene in to-day's handicap, though in the former's absence Grandcourt comes out well "on the book."

Gilpin's Trial Tackle.

No trainer in England just now has better trial tackle than Gilpin. It should not therefore be a difficult matter for him to gauge Paragon's chance for the Hunt Cup, though if Sir E. Paget's three-year-old wins another record will be broken.

A Useful Guide.

The June issue of *M'Call's Racing Chronicle*, just issued by the Odhams Press, at 1s., brings up to date in compact form the complete record of all horses in training. Unique in its plan, this handy encyclopædia of racing is indispensable to the sportsman.

"Dark" Youngsters.

Some months have gone by since we first referred to the promise Allan Breck and Polly Flint had shown at home. They were then, and are now, the best two-year-olds in Gilpin's stable, though we have yet to learn when Pretty Polly's daughter is to make her first appearance on a racecourse. We shall see Sir James Buchanan's Allan Breck carrying silk at Ascot. And other youngsters with big private reputations to be seen out this week are Guard's Brigade and Pharpar—the latter a half-brother to that brilliant mare, Diadem, who should win the race selected for her this week.

WEEK'S RACING SELECTIONS.

ASCOT—WEDNESDAY.
Coronation Stakes—CINNA.
Chesham Stakes—ALLAN BRECK or SCORPIONS.
Waterford Stakes—LACROSSE.
Hunt Cup—UGLY DUCKLING.
Ascot Derby—*POLUMETIS.
Fernhill Stakes—FAIR SIMONE.

ASCOT—THURSDAY.
St. James' Palace Stakes—SARCHEDON.
Rubblesdale Stakes—MARCHALONG.
Gold Cup—BUCHAN.
Granville Stakes—*ORBY'S PRIDE.
All Aged Stakes—DIADEM.

ASCOT—FRIDAY.
Jersey Stakes—ARCHAIC.
Hardwick Stakes—PALOMIDES.
Alexandra Plate—*MANILARDO.
King Stand Stakes—SOUVIENS TOI.
Wokingham Stakes—JUNISSIMUS.

GOLF.

R. H. Howie, of the Muswell Hill G. C., who conquered H. H. Hilton in the Amateur Golf Championship, will be recalled as the former brilliant inside right and ex-President of the London Caledonians Football Club. Supreme confidence in himself and the courage to "go" for things are features of his golf. He was a scratch player at Arbroath when only sixteen.

The Explorer.

"I found four ditches and three hedges," said the irate golfer when he came in for the "nineteenth hole." "Well," retorted the club house wit, "what are you going to do with them now you have found them?"

CRICKET.

Will Hobbs emulate the feat of the famous "W. G." Having scored nearly eighty centuries, and with many years of cricket left in him, it is an odds-on chance. Wonderful fellow Hobbs, who by the way is telling some delightful cricket stories in his weekly articles in *The National News*.

Concerning Kennedy.

Kennedy, the popular Hampshire cricketer, is feeling very sore over the legality of his bowling being questioned. We watched him closely recently and unhesitatingly pronounce his delivery to be "quite all right."

BOXING.

Basham informed us the day after the great battle that he had challenged Lewis to meet him again for a side stake of a thousand pounds. If the second meeting takes place half London will be there to see it, and unless we are sadly mistaken, a contest worth going many miles to see will be the upshot.

A Great Match.

Joe Beckett has accepted Tommy Burns' challenge to fight for £2,000 aside, and the English champion is very sanguine about the result—but Tommy is a wily old bird, and Joe had better not be too sanguine.

The "Terrible Ten."

Mr. A. G. Hales has selected Herne Bay as the location for the training of JOHN BULL's ten embryo champions. The quarters are attached to the Hotel St. George on the West Cliff, and we expect the "terrible ten" to commence active work on the twentieth of this month, in order that they may show the mettle they are made of in the coming autumn.

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Beckett v. Burns.

What a difference in styles we shall see when Joe Beckett and Burns face each other! Burns is a past-master at "kidding," and is sure to bait more than one trap for Beckett; he's bound to be dangerous whilst he lasts, and Joe will do well to be watchful.

LAWN TENNIS.

If the American lawn tennis team come up to sample, as indicated by their early practice at Wimbledon, they will assuredly be known as "The Boomerang Boys." They can "hit some," these four young fellows, and it is by no means a certainty for G. L. Patterson, the Australian, that he will withstand the virile attack of either W. M. Johnston or W. T. Tilden. The Yanks have aptly been described as "The Happy Four"—and, after all, good fellowship is a most valuable asset in team play.

Ryan or Longlen?

Mrs. Franklin Mallory, three times lady champion of America, has come over with designs on Mdlle. Longlen's championship title. Despite her wonderful record across the pond, she will find herself more severely tried over here, and we fancy that Miss Ryan, the Californian, has much the better chance. That is, of course, if anybody has the slightest chance against the little French wonder.

POLO.

Some fine jumping was seen at the Ranelagh Polo Show. The event was a big success and reflected great credit on the organising ability of Sir George Hastings and his committee.

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COMPANY MEETING.

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An extraordinary general meeting of British Glass Industries, Ltd., was held on Thursday, June 10th, at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, E.C., for the purpose of considering resolutions increasing the capital of the company to £5,000,000 and altering the Articles of Association so as to give power to the company to capitalise share premium reserves. Mr. C. Williamson Milne (the chairman) presided.

The Secretary (Mr. C. G. Bowyer) having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman, in the course of his speech, said: We have now arrived at a stage in the history of this company when the payment of a dividend has become a matter of immediate practical interest. But your directors feel that, as a preliminary thereto, steps should be taken to bring the nominal capital of the company into closer relationship with the actual amount of capital which has been invested in it, and with its present and prospective earning power.

THE CAPITALISATION SCHEME.

Our nominal paid-up capital stands at £1,400,000, whereas we have a sum of no less than £2,450,000 as a premium reserve. We thus have a total of £3,850,000 of actual cash capital which has been subscribed by our shareholders. Now, we propose to capitalise £2,100,000 of these premiums. We are able to recommend this proposal for your acceptance, broadly on two grounds. Firstly, that it will bring the nominal capital into closer relationship with the amount of capital subscribed; and, secondly, that as a consequence thereof we shall be able to distribute the large profits we are earning and the much larger profits which we are confident of earning very shortly, without arousing invidious or unfair criticism as to our dividend. The effect of the proposed resolutions will be that for every two shares now held a shareholder will hold five shares, thus bringing the issued capital up to £3,500,000.

COMMERCIAL BANK SERVICES.

As I told you at our last meeting, an option was given to the Commercial Bank of London in consideration of their services to the company, to subscribe for 50,000 of the existing shares at £5 per share. This will be exchanged for an option to subscribe for 125,000 of the new shares at £2 per share. This involves, of course, exactly the same amount of cash.

PRESENT AND FUTURE PROFITS.

The various businesses which we own or control are earning profits at the present time of about £400,000 per annum. Under this heading I include the United Glass Bottle Manufacturers, Ltd., and its affiliated companies, Webbs' Crystal Glass Company, Ltd., with its affiliated companies, the Queenborough Glass Works, and the British and Foreign Bottle Company. As these businesses are now making a profit of about £400,000 per annum, you will readily appreciate how enormously our profits will be increased when, in addition to extensions to the above-mentioned works, the large works at Canning Town and Charlton, the Irish Glass Bottle Works and the Medway Works are in full operation, and when dividends are being received from our other large share interests in the British Window Glass Company, Ltd., and the Triplex Glass Company, Ltd.

It is not desirable that I should go into great detail on this subject. I may inform you that a profit from all sources of £1,500,000 per annum is a conservative estimate based on the present outlook in the glass trade, having regard to the fact that the greater part of our capital expenditure has been as yet unproductive. That the time is rapidly approaching when this increased income will be coming in will be apparent when I tell you that the three first furnaces at Canning Town are just about to be started and that it is expected the remaining furnaces will come into operation at the rate of one each month until the whole of the furnaces are in operation; that very shortly, not later, we hope, than August, the first of the furnaces at Charlton will also be started, as also those at the Irish Glass Bottle Works, Medway Works, and British Window Glass Works. We are therefore on the eve of commencing to increase our profits very largely. In my last speech I expressed the hope that the manufacture would have commenced in several of our units before now, but owing to the prolongation of the moulders' strike and the almost insuperable difficulties of obtaining delivery of the necessary parts for our machines and furnaces and the difficulties of building which are common to all new enterprises at the present time, it is really most satisfactory to be able to report to you the position in which we find ourselves to-day.

THE LARGE OUTPUT.

The present actual output of glass bottles, glass containers, jars, tumblers, etc., from our various works is at the rate of 170 millions per annum, while when our present programme is completed this output should be approximately three times as great. I have not taken into account the position of other of our large subsidiaries, and the figures here may also interest you. Webbs' Crystal Glass Works manufacture all types of crystal table-ware, bulbs, chemical glass, tubes, etc., so that the output in numbers will convey very little. However, the present turnover of Webbs' Crystal Glass Works is three-quarters of a million pounds sterling per annum, and very shortly, when the additional works are in operation, this turnover will be increased to well over one million pounds per annum. The turnover of Webbs' Crystal Glass Works for the first four months of this year was 50 per cent. in excess of the turnover for that period in 1919. The subsidiaries controlled by what we term the Webbs' Group at the present moment are manufacturing electric light bulbs at the rate of thirteen million per annum. We expect to double this figure well before the end of this year.

These are figures which I think will astonish some of you who perhaps have not fully appreciated the magnitude of this company's undertakings, which include no fewer than 26 separate organisations. The demand for glassware of every kind all over the world is so insistent that your directors are satisfied that, notwithstanding our large capacity for production, the demand for the company's products will continue to exceed the supply. Now that the trade has been re-established in this country on the largest scale, the impending development of the use of glass in directions in which it has hitherto not been used is likely to be very great, and the Company have appointed a committee of experts to investigate this question with a view to still further extending the Company's activities.

INTERIM DISTRIBUTION OF £350,000.

The matter of dividend had been discussed prior to the Budget statement, and we were then on the point of declaring an interim dividend of an amount which I am sure would have given general satisfaction. The unexpected announcement that the Excess Profits Duty was to be continued—and indeed increased—compelled us to revise this programme. But while this taxation must necessarily affect the amount of profits available for distribution, I am glad to be able to assure you that our position is such—partly owing to the fact that our organisation includes a very considerable proportion of old-established businesses with favourable standards, and also partly on account of the allowance for capital to which we are entitled that we shall still be able to pay dividends which on a revenue basis will make our shares a remunerative investment, even to those who bought them at the highest price touched in the market.

We have therefore deemed it advisable to modify our plans to some extent and pursue the conservative policy of accumulating profits up to the end of September before making an interim distribution, September 30 being the end of our first financial year.

However, you will be glad to hear that it is the intention of the Board, after the completion has taken place, to declare our first dividend of £350,000, i.e., 10 per cent. on the nominal share capital as it then will be if these resolutions are passed. This will be an interim dividend and, as you will readily see, will represent to most of the shareholders of the company considerably more than 10 per cent.

Now, with regard to the payment of further dividends, our intention is to alter the date of our annual meeting in the future so as to permit of the accounts of our subsidiary companies being made up to the 31st December in each year. We shall then be able to prepare our own balance-sheet, co-ordinating all the accounts, and bringing in all the profits, on the 31st March of each year.

We propose, however, to call our shareholders together again in December next, when we shall be able to lay before them the completed accounts for the period ending September 30th next. I cannot at this stage definitely promise a further dividend for that particular period, but I can say with confidence that we hope then to be able to declare another interim dividend on account of the six months from October, 1920, to March, 1921. From then onwards we anticipate being able to pay regular half-yearly dividends about June and December, and having told you what we expect our profits to be when all the works are completed, you will see for yourselves that there is margin for these half-yearly dividends to be of a progressive nature.

THE COMPANY AND TAXATION.

Turning to other matters, I need scarcely say that the continuance in an aggravated form of the Excess Profits Duty came as an unwelcome surprise to your directors. As far as this Company is concerned we are hoping to receive due consideration from the authorities in view of the fact that the manufacture of glass is a "key" industry.

In recommending for your acceptance the resolution, I wish to impress upon you that we who are primarily responsible for the formation, development, and control of this gigantic undertaking, regard it not only as an instrument of profit—as to that point we have no doubt whatever—but we wish to see it firmly established as a corner stone in the reconstruction of the industrial fabric of Great Britain after the war.

The Chairman then put the resolutions for the capitalisation of reserves and the alteration of the Articles, which were unanimously carried.

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"TOMMY."

Worries in Wilts:—There are many troubles in the Flying Instruction School in Wilts, and we suggest that a petty tyrant may be there. We leave it to the O.C., who *may* have had a number of complaints presented to him.

In India:—The 2nd West Yorks at Peshawar seem to have many troubles, including very long route marches in the blazing and blistering sunshine, during which not a single tunic button must be eased; and heaven help the weakling who falls out!

Where Is the Cutlery?—Every soldier on enlistment is provided with a knife, fork and spoon, which form a portion of his kit. At Halton Camp, we are told, the men were ordered to leave these articles in the dining hall—when, as might have been expected, a quantity of the cutlery disappeared. The birdmen are being docked 3s. each for replacements. As there are 300 men in the squadron, perhaps the deductions are to pay for a set of silver plate or a table centre.

Fed Up:—A largely-signed "round robin" has reached us from the 1st Essex Regiment in Queenstown. The battalion has supplied fifteen detachments to keep order in the "rebel country," and the remainder seem to be suffering from many grievances. For instance, they sleep on bare boards, their quarters are verminous, and sometimes for over a week they cannot remove their uniforms. Yet they are "crimed" for not having their clothing spick and span. There is room here for the O.C.'s inquiry, and failing him, perhaps the Divisional General will look into matters.

"JACK."

Money:—The "brass" is ready for distribution among the officers and crew of H.M. trawler *Cygni*, who salved the s.s. *Ugo Bassi* on the 1st August, 1918.

A Tip for Jack:—The bluejacket has no pockets, and so has to keep his belongings either inside his jumper or in his cap—wherefore he often loses the return half of his railway ticket. In future, when this happens he must apply for a substitute to the Accountant-General's Department at the Admiralty, the R.T.O. at Victoria having been closed.

Trials of the *Tring*:—The crew of H.M.S. *Tring* send us eleven healthy grouses, which we are sure the Commander will be glad to remedy. The ship recently finished mine-sweeping, by the way, but still her complement are whistling for the Christmas leave. Perhaps they will get it on the double, this year!

OUR DAILY THANKS.

From A. D., Bournville.

"I am writing to thank you for your splendid assistance with regard to my overdue pension. My arrears arrived on Saturday morning—eight days after I first wrote you. I don't know what soldiers and ex-soldiers would do without you, and I have no doubt I would still have been waiting for my money if I had not asked your assistance. Will you please accept the sincere thanks of a common ex-Private?"

"THE SILVER BADGERS."

Secretaries of Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' organisations, in sending cases of injustice or other information, should mark their envelopes "Silver Badgers."

Poor Badger!:—A demobilised Royal Air Force man, who was out of employment for a considerable time, was recommended to apply for work to a brewery firm at Folkestone. He did so, and got this reply: "Radnor Chambers, 1st June, 1920. DEAR SIR,—Adverting to your call here to-day, are you prepared to start at the brewery, repairing casks and crates at 25s. per week, until we see what you are able to do?—Yours faithfully, A. BROMLEY." The Badger replied that he declined the job, as he had an out-of-work dole of 29s. a week.

A Query:—Does the Labour Ministry countenance this exploiting of our ex-Service men? Even the road-sweepers have their £2 10s. and £2 15s. a week. If the poor chap had accepted, he would risk the chance of being told that his work was only worth the 25s. a week, and that if he did not like it he might "get"—other out-of-work Badgers being on the list.

In Sympathy:—We are quite in sympathy with the thousands of workless ex-Service men who contend that the hordes of female employees of the N.A.C.B. should be sent back to domestic service, or their other pre-war jobs. It was bad enough for the Canteen Board to "rook" our soldiers and sailors to the tune of £6,000,000, and it is up to it now to give our poor fellows a chance to live.

A Squeezed Orange:—A brave young fellow of 16 threw in his lot when the war started, and went through everything until last July. Unused to any work—save killing Huns—he has applied to the Government he served for training, only to be turned down on the score of education. Gott in Himmel! (That's good, or bad, German.) Penalised because he was brought up in a Council School!

"The Greatest of These—"

(All expenses of the administration of the Fund are gladly borne by us.)

Among the numerous cases we assisted during the week were the following:—

Ill and Hungry:—For three months an ex-soldier has been laid up with rheumatic fever and complications, £1 a week being the only income to keep himself, his wife, and two children of tender years. It was not until the brave wife herself had broken down that application was made to us, the wolf of hunger having entered the home.

A Stricken Widow:—A widow has three little children, whom she pluckily battles for. She was beaten by illness, which prevented her from working, and things were at a very low ebb when our aid was summoned.

Tommy in Distress:—Having served in the Army, a man obtained labouring work on a railway, the pay for which was all too small to support himself, his wife, and six children. The household lived from hand to mouth with scanty food, but the sword of Fate descended when three of the youngsters became ill.

The Lost Service:—A boy joined the Army for King and Empire, fought, and became a civilian again. He fell ill and died, but no pension is issuable as his illness was not directly due to military service. His widowed mother, who has care of a large young family, asked us to supplement the extremely small sum of insurance money to meet the funeral expenses.

Broken for his Country:—A discharged soldier has a pension of 18s. 2d. a week, with which to support himself, his invalid mother, and a sister aged seven. He is too ill to work—even if he could find a job—and the condition of the family may well be imagined.

DENIED BY THE MINISTRY.

(A case typical of the many of distress and hardship which have been relieved by our Fund during the week.)

In a humble cottage in Cambridgeshire lies one of the numerous victims of the war, who was further hardly dealt with by fate on his return to civilian life. He suffered from slight rheumatism some years before he voluntarily joined the Army, but was passed as A1. Having undergone many hardships, he was invalided out with rheumatoid arthritis—or rheumatic gout—and was refused a pension because an intelligent board of doctors decreed that his disablement had not been "caused or aggravated by military service." Such decisions, which are extremely numerous, puzzle the civilian doctor and the civilian himself. In this case the poor fellow managed to crawl about and do odd jobs for a while, and to keep the wolf of starvation from the door his wife found it necessary to leave her home daily to seek for work as a charwoman. By and by he improved somewhat, and was given a bicycle to get about; but fate was after him still. Being hardly fit to ride, he had an accident through falling from the machine, gravely injuring his spine, and becoming completely crippled. Once more the gods dealt hardly with him, his wife being stricken with a disease that forced her to enter hospital, where a short time ago she underwent a drastic operation. The man wants care and attention, to say nothing about nourishment and medicines, to secure which is something of a puzzle, as the only income of the house is 5s. from the State, 4s. from a Benefit Society, and a few shillings earned weekly by a son of 14 who has just gone to work. A good testimonial to the character of the family was sent to us by a kindly clergyman, and we naturally immediately gave what assistance we could. We fear it will be many a day before the stricken home can pull itself together, as the man is completely out of action and the recovery of his wife will be a matter of months. "A rather hard case," you may say. Yet it is but one of many such that reach us weekly, and which have first claim upon our diminishing fund.

[The object of our Fund is to relieve (a) distressed ex-Soldiers and Sailors and their dependents (b) suffering amongst the poor generally. No genuine appeal is ever refused, and although we see to it that adequate proof is presented in every case relieved, no harassing or degrading questions are put to applicants. Will you please help? All donations, gifts of clothing, etc., should be addressed to the Fund, at 98, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.]

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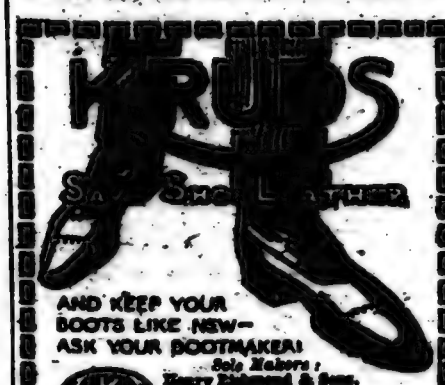

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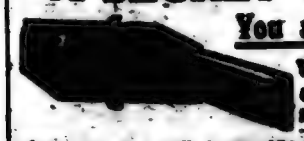

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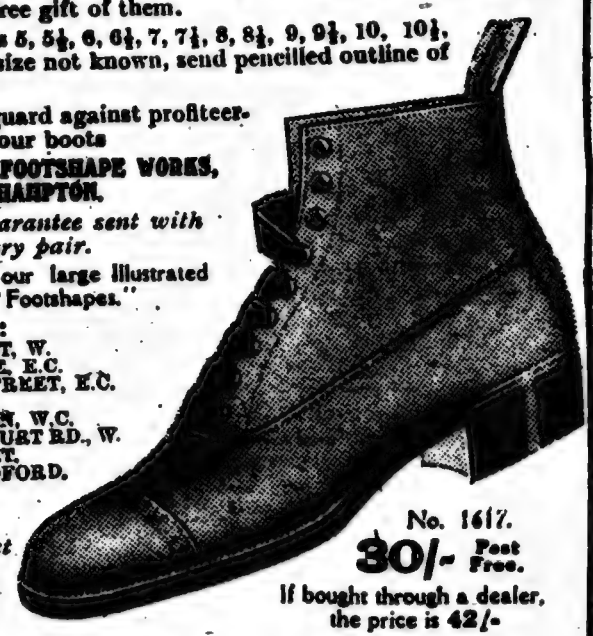

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Mrs. I. K. C. (Belfast).—"However lightly and indifferently you may think of the Almighty. . . ." You must have read us very badly to get such a wrong idea into your head. It is not in ours.

M. A. S.—You are much too sensitive over being an "unwanted" child. The blame was not yours, and you are as much entitled to the good things as anybody else. But morbid thoughts won't help you.

Mrs. S. (Tottenham).—"I do agree with many of your ideas." Fair lady, do not damn us with faint approval. Make it "all" instead of "many."

W. J. S. (La Gloria, Cuba).—"The views you hold are the ones I held long before Wilson took to running the world. . . . Surprised to hear JOHN BULL is to be found in a Cuban forest, ain't you?" Not a bit. We are read regularly in Mars—and the Martians, like you, agree with our views.

W. M. (East Kirkby).—"Can you please tell me if the Raymont Institute *re* Hypnotism is a sound one?" All sound, no substance. It says, "The Raymont Course is unique. There is nothing like it." Thank goodness for that!

E. G. J. (West Ealing) and J. A. C.—Being Civil Service pensioners at old rates and not over 60, you do not share in any increase. "We have got to live as well as others." There, we are afraid, is where you and the Treasury differ.

C. T. (Stirling).—The Minister of Transport, the cost of whose useless Department falls on the taxpayer, refuses to do anything in the way of reintroducing excursion fares. The thirty odd officials of his who are drawing a thousand a year and over are not affected by higher fares like the taxpayer who finds their salaries.

"WORKING MEN OF BRITAIN" (London).—For goodness' sake do not carry our your threat to erect a fountain with a bust of ourselves on top. Men who require a monument do not as a rule deserve one.

"SIGNALMAN" (Low Fell).—"You, along with all others of your class . . . harp on the one string against railway men." Wrong again! The harp is not one of the instruments of which we are master.

E. S. (Bournemouth).—"In what way does JOHN BULL resemble a bull?—He roars at his adversaries and tosses them out of his way." You will be comparing us to a sheep next, because we sometimes say "Bah!"

F. B. (Plaistow).—Do not follow you. What is it that you call snobbish—to require a flat, to be about to marry, or to announce that one is a Wesleyan?

"WATER LANE."—We have repeatedly given our opinion of the "Please-help-hard-up-Austria" campaign, and agree with you that "comment is needless."

H. T. T. G. (Wigton).—"I have a list of the clerics, *et cetra*, who are trying to wreck the Divorce Bill." So have we—and a Black List it is.

C. H. L. (Whitley Bay).—Your suggestion that clerks in the Civil Service departments in London should work the same hours as the more lowly people engaged in commerce, instead of from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., would make our bureaucrats burst with indignation.

C. G. (London, W.).—"There appears to be only one cure for the love or shame child, and that is not to have one." The advice is excellent.

Mrs. F. A. W. (Hull).—"How long are these savage sentences to reformatories to continue?" Until Magistrates who impose them cease to be savages.

A. E. E. (Poplar).—It is not a question of our realising what a difficult job President Wilson has had. It's a question of letting us down on the job when we took his word that he could see it through.

"ARCHIE" (Hackney).—Your heading "Tackle the Germs," made us think you meant the huns (with a small h.). But we find you mean the germs in refuse in East-end roadways, and we agree they should be promptly swatted.

R. P. (East Kent).—"Do you think 10s. is fair strike pay?" As a striker's wife you feel the pinch; but if the Union has no more money to pay out, what can it do?

J. B. (Brighton).—"I have just purchased this (German-printed postcard) in Brighton. What about it?" You deserve a severe slap for purchasing it.

"WORRIED MOTHER" (St. Albans).—Husband earns £2 a week on farm; 8 children; daughter, 14, must not leave school; boy must not caddy on the golf links; So all are underfed, Who said, "Children's Welfare"?

K. E. (Putney).—Sorry the lady was so badly received in New York because she was a governess and not a domestic. Ellis Island, the detention camp to which she was taken, is one of the glorious institutions of a Land of Liberty!

J. C. (Kennington).—"Is it not a shame that most teetotalers are gobblers of milk?" Yes, especially as they sometimes keep a bottle of something stronger in the bedroom cupboard.

J. K. (Southampton Row).—Why a Magistrate, after dismissing a summons against a man for non-payment of Income-tax and saying he was not liable for the costs, should nevertheless order him to pay the same costs, is one of these things no fellah can understand. We can't, save on the assumption that the Law is "a ass."

S. A. (Asia).—"I writed the letter over ago than a month that to tell you a question, but you why not answer me, becaus you ant got no pluck . . . You are therefore not no good, what the Devel?" Ask him what; we don't know.

A. E. R. (Westcliff-on-Sea).—We have said our say about the Southend-on-Sea Waterworks Co. All we have to add is that we thank our lucky stars we are not one of their customers.

W. B. A. (Wisbech).—The public should realise that profiteering in fruit and vegetables is not always by the grower; what with transport charges, labour costs and dealers' commissions, he may make very little out of his crop.

"VADE MECUM" (Hanwell).—No doubt Lewis's establishment is not the only one in London where the assistants are justified in striking. The fashionable dressmakers' workrooms badly want looking into.

A. J. L. (Peckham).—"Is there any way to wake up the Labour Exchange at Camberwell?" Nothing short of T.N.T.

"A CONSTANT READER" (Truro).—If that lodging-house is, as you say, full of fleas, it might do good for an "Inspector to call secretly"—he could, perhaps, catch them on the hop.

D. O. D. (Llandaff).—"In my humble opinion W. W. Wilson is the Greatest Man of the Peace Conference." You are entitled to your opinion, of course, so keep it—to yourself.

"READER" (Walworth).—We note the Amalgamated Furnishing Trades Association has "invested £2,000 in the *Daily Herald*." It's not an investment. It's a rash spec.

"SINCERE FRIEND" (Brasted).—"Careful study of the Bible shows that the Jewish seventh-day Sabbath ended with the death of Jesus when the veil of the temple was rent, etc." Thanks for the information.

"CROYDONIAN" (Croydon).—Hampton Court is notorious for audacious overcharging on meagre meals in tea places.

PTE. J. W. (Brecon).—"Kindly inform us of how many pimples there is in a pound of pickled pork." For exact figures, apply to the Pimple of the films.

N. D. R. (Westcliff).—If you read *Paradise Lost* you will learn you are not the only one who has thought it better to reign in hell than serve in heaven.

"THREE GOLD 'UNS" (Halifax).—"It is about three months since I began to take in your paper." In view of your donation of a guinea to our "Greatest of These" Fund your long neglect is forgiven.

"FIDELIS" (Hammersmith).—"Let me know, please, when 'J.B.' is becoming a daily." We will send you a wire.

D. J. (Broadstairs).—Your coconut shies and Hoop-la business has as much right to protection as any other, more especially as you are an ex-Service man employing other ex-Service men. Morally, it is certainly no more objectionable than the cinema it adjoins. Don't be scared away from your pitch.

H. B. (Reno, Nevada).—"Sure, Horatio, the real 100-per-cent. American can mind his own business and let you Britishers mind yours." It is so kind to be so thoughtful.

G. F. (Belfast).—On the back of one tram ticket it says, "Christ died for the ungodly." On another, "The Alhambra, Twice Nightly." Yet perhaps the inscriptions are not so incongruous as they seem. Be broad-minded and do not condemn a hall by inference.

S. G. G. (S. Petherton).—The Government themselves don't yet appear to know whether they intend to include for additional pension *all* ex-pensioners, or only some.

"RODGER" (No Address).—Want our advice on firm offering to search about "Unclaimed Money," if you "enclose 15s. 6d." to them? Our advice is simple. Enclose nothing.

J. E. (Maidstone).—The gentleman objected because a soldier tapped his feet on the floor of the railway carriage? Sorry there were ladies present, or the "gentleman" might have heard something exruciatingly polite.

"DO UNTO OTHERS" (Southend).—"Assist to protect the holiday-makers from scandalous charges for lodgings." And you are a landlady—a lady Daniel come to judgment! Most of your fellow landladies leave out the "unto" in your text.

"COSMOPOLITAN" (St. Blazey).—"Its shrewd common-sense from the Barber's Chair, Like the razor is bright, keen, clean, and fair." Can't very well tell you to go to Blazeys after that.

G. S. (Middlesbrough).—Your efforts over 25 years to obtain a small holding would make amusing reading were it not so painfully true.

"A GRASS WIDOW" (Sevenoaks).—Many thanks for £1 for ex-soldier, of Shrewsbury, written of in our columns, "A Hero's Sufferings." It has been forwarded, with several other sums, to the poor fellow.

"BROADSTONE." (Dorset). — "At Holton Heath Munition Factory there are men getting (not earning) 5 or 6 pounds a week, men who own businesses." Then they have more than their share of good luck.

"AN ADMIRER" (Marseilles). — "I find much interest, and very often amusement, in perusing your pages." Then we have not lived in vain.

Deutschland.—A wallet containing a considerable sum of money has been found on board this vessel at Ramsgate. Owner should apply to Mr. John W. Beattie, ex-German Submarine *Deutschland*, West Pier, Brighton, describing contents.

A. C. N. (Sydney).—"Rub it in for all you are worth." Well, shall we say for a good big lump of it?

"MUM."—The new Secretary of the Duchess is "a foreigner called Smith." The name is certainly unusual and suspicious.

Mrs. A. (Oxford).—Yours is a very interesting letter. As the wife of a road-sweeper, you prove you are no better off than the wife of a Didcot worker under Government, whose case we quoted. But two wrongs do not make one right, do they?

T. W., JR.—Glad your drawing of a camel was only a suggestion. If intended for the real thing we should have acquired two humps.

"A MOTHER" (Rainham).—We cannot credit that yarn of a woman who died in hospital because of the early hours. Hospital work must start early, or it would never be got through. To counterbalance, bed-time is seldom later than 8.

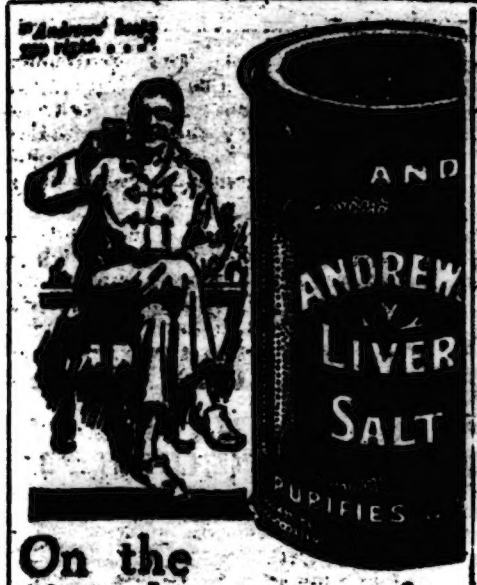
A. N. (Manchester).—Photographers on the sands at Blackpool have to pay a water-rate? You do not make it clear whence they get the water; if they have a private supply they must expect to pay for it.

H. A. C. (S.W.).—"I beg to inform you it is possible to multiply £19 19s. 11¾d. by £19 19s. 11¾d. "Oh, go hon!

J. C. (Sunderland).—"Is it legal for a man to marry his brother's widow?" No. Not yet.

A. C. R. (Weedon).—Your experience with the Labour Exchange and Sub-Committee at Northampton confirms our opinion that for ways that are dark and tricks that are vain such local authorities are sometimes peculiar.

(Many replies are unavoidably held over.)



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BOOTS.—4s. saved. Buy direct from our Northampton Factory. Gents', Ladies' and Children's Boots. Send for catalogue.—John Emmet Ltd., Dept. 7, Northampton.

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BICYCLES.—£9 9s. ENGLAND'S FINEST VALUE. Gents, Ladies Racers, 3 speed. Sent on approval. 10 years' guarantee. Bennett, 130, Gray's Inn Rd., W.C.

CANARIES.—Champion Songsters, Breeding Hens, list free. Talking Parrots, Approval. Pamphlet "Parrot Trick Exposed," RUDD, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

WHY PAY BARBERS, when you can cut your own hair. Safety hair-cutting machine, 2/6 post free Wilson, 67, Waterloo Road, Middlesbrough.

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2ND Prize £100

3RD Prize £25

£1,000

FIRST PRIZE

BULLETS

30 PRIZES OF 10/- each | 200 PRIZES OF 5/- each

1,000 PRIZES OF 2/6 | 5,000 'TARGET' PRIZES

10 HOLIDAY PRIZES OF £5 each

10 HOLIDAY PRIZES OF £10 EACH

20 HOLIDAY PRIZES OF £2 10/- each

£1,000 and 40 HOLIDAY PRIZES MUST BE WON

HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS."

First choose any of the Forty examples given below. Then give **TWO, THREE** or **FOUR** words having some bearing on the example chosen. Any **ONE** of the words selected must begin with any letter in the example chosen. The other words selected can begin with any letters in the alphabet. This example will guide you: Example:—FAIR FIGHT. Bullet:—FOR SEAT IN PARLIAMENT. Competitors may send in two BULLETS for sixpence. If more coupons are used, an entry fee at the rate of 6d. for each coupon must be sent. Result of this Competition will be found in our issue dated July 17th.

LIST OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 378.

BOTTOMLEY'S AMBITION	MIXED BATHING	SEASIDE FLAPPERS	HAPPY MAN
HOLIDAY CHARGES	PLAYING THE FOOL	DEAR LOAF	THE WRONG MEDIUM
DRY ROT	A HOT TIME	NOT IN FASHION	UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT
NOT MY LUCK	MAKING A FORTUNE	BAD ACT	SILENT WOMAN
A JOLLY LOT	PERFECT LADY	BY GEORGE	AS YOU WERE
FREE AND EASY	RUBBISH	A BIT MIXED	DONE BROWN
NOT TAKEN BACK	OBEDIENT SERVANT	AN EASY TIME	DRESSING TOMMY
A GOOD TIP	ON THE QUIET	MARRIAGE TIES	DEALING WITH RUSSIA
GOVERNMENT DOLES	THE LAST STRAW	MIGHTY DEEP	LITTLE WONDER
AT WORK AGAIN	TO-MORROW	WHERE TO STOP	SHY MAIDEN

No._____ Closing Date, Thursday, July 1st.

Example_____

Bullet_____

Example_____

Bullet_____

(379) P.O. No._____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

If 1 coupon is used P.O. for 6d. must be sent.

Signed_____

Address_____

☞ If unable to secure extra coupons you can write your "Bullets" on plain paper.

No._____ Closing Date, Thursday, July 1st.

Example_____

Bullet_____

Example_____

Bullet_____

(379) P.O. No._____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

If 2 coupons are used P.O. for 1/- must be sent.

Signed_____

Address_____

Envelopes should be marked "Bullets" No. 379, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

No._____ Closing Date, Thursday, July 1st.

Example_____

Bullet_____

Example_____

Bullet_____

(379) P.O. No._____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

If 3 coupons are used P.O. for 1/6 must be sent.

Signed_____

Address_____

No._____ Closing Date, Thursday, July 1st.

Example_____

Bullet_____

Example_____

Bullet_____

(379) P.O. No._____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.

If 4 coupons are used P.O. for 2/- must be sent.

Signed_____

Address_____

Selection of Examples for "Bullets" Competition No. 380.

WHEN FLAPPERS BATHE—SIMPLY DRESSED—UPS AND DOWNS—LONG STOCKINGS—AFTER A STRUGGLE—NO GO—SEASIDE LANDLADY—TAKING BACK SEAT—CARRYING ON—STARTING A STRIKE—ALL OFF—REGULAR CUSTOMER—WHEN FATHER SHOPS—OUT OF TUNE—NOT TAXED—HAD ENOUGH—WHEN TIED UP—RANK FAILURE—WELL LOOKED AFTER—SILLY ASS.

These examples can be made use of on the coupons above, and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY, JULY 8th.** All coupons so used **MUST** be clearly marked with the number **380** in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. 380, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such Coupons must not contain any of the Forty examples for Competition 378.

List of 10s. Prizewinners in "Bullets" Competition No. 378 will be published in next week's "Competitors' Journal." Complete List of all Cash and other Prizewinners can be seen at the Offices of "John Bull."

Result of 376th 'Bullets' Competition

FIRST PRIZE OF £250:

Mr. G. REVANS,
77, Powerscourt Road,
North End, Portsmouth.

Example:—HANDS IN POCKET.
Bullet:—NOT BECAUSE TOMMY'S LAZY.
(Sent in on a Free "Target" Prize Coupon.)

SECOND PRIZE OF £50:

Mrs. McARTHUR,
51, Grantoth Road, Liverpool.

Example:—VISITING IRELAND.
Bullet:—ADMIRE DON'T AIR "VIEWS."

THIRD PRIZE OF £25:

Mr. H. L. EMMONS,
41, Langthorne Street, Fulham, S.W.6.

Example: MODERN DRESS.
Bullet: DISPLAYS YOUTH, BETRAYS AGE.

10 Holiday Prizes of £20 each:

MISS E. COWLEY, Perbena Cot., Locking, Weston-super-Mare:
AFTER THE RACE—"CRIPPLED MEN" WALK HOME.

MR. J. CATHERY, 33, Montrose Avenue, N.W.6.:
MODERN DRESS—ARMY BUT "SAME STUFF."

MR. A. E. COOPER, 241, Folkestone Rd., Dover:
LABOUR'S AMBITION—MAKING "TOOLS" INTO WEAPONS.

MR. G. FORBES, 2, Queen Square, Dublin:
LABOUR'S AMBITION—CLOSELY RESEMBLES THE CHANCELLOR'S.

MR. F. LEONARD SMITH, 8, Oxford Road, Liscard:
HANDS IN POCKET—ONCE BROUGHT ABOUT DISMISAL.

MR. O. WOOD, 6, Westville Villas, Chickerell Road, Weymouth.
LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM—ENDS AT SECOND CHRISTENING.

MR. J. MURRAY, 74, Cornwall St., Cardiff:
WORKING TO RULE—PLEASING THE WRONG BOSS.

MR. A. H. TWEMLOW, 5, Sunderland Street, Harpurhey, Manchester:
NOTICE TO QUIT—WITHDRAWN IF TENANT BIDS.

MR. A. SMITH, 3, Cannock Road, Hightown, Hednesford:
PAYING THE MINERS—PERHAPS THEY'LL "ACKNOWLEDGE" IT.

MR. A. VAREY, Woodbine Cottage, Vista Road, Haydock, Lancs.:
WORKING TO RULE—"NUMBER ONE" COMES FIRST.

10 Holiday Prizes of £10 each:

MR. HARRY LEA, 3, Lawrence Road, London, W.5.:
COMING BACK—HONEYMOON COUPLE NOT "RESERVED." (Sent in on a Free "Target" Prize Coupon.)

MR. F. J. ANSELL, 6, Belfast Street, Hove:
HOLIDAY EXPENSES—DAD "WISHES US SOMEWHERE."

MR. J. G. BARRIBLE, 6, Grinnicks Tce., Bodmin:
RULE BRITANNIA—TUNE GERMANY COULDN'T DROWN.

MR. H. SUTHERS, 16, Elford Grove, Leeds:
OVER THE RHINE—EVERY MOVEMENT REQUIRES QUESTIONING.

C.-S.-M. OLIVER MASON, H.Q. Depot, M.G.C., Staff Lines, Shorncliffe:
COMING BACK—TO ERIN—PATRIOT'S MISTAKE.

MR. C. FOX, Burgage Green, Southwell, Notts:
IDEAL HUSBAND—OWNER AND TRAINER WIFE.

MR. C. CASTLE, 33, Crescent Road, Ramsgate:
MODERN DRESS—IS "GREEK" TO MANY.

MRS. E. GENNY, 10, Duppas Hill Lane, Croydon:
NOTICE TO QUIT—STRIKE NEVER GIVES APPETITE.

MR. G. MACFARLANE, 110, Byres Road, Glasgow:
RULE BRITANNIA—BEST GUARANTEE FOR PEACE.

MR. A. C. HOBBS, 31, Windsor Tce., Ely, nr. Cardiff:
MAKES GERMANY LAUGH—SAVED NECKS—NOW POCKETS.

(Continued on opposite page.) ☞

BULLETS RULES.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the Judges, in consultation with the Editor, is the best "Bullet" received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.
2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.
3. All four coupons may be used, but each coupon must be accompanied by a postal order for 6d. made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed _____ and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.
4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned.
5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.
6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

THE JOHN BULL GREAT FREE FIRE INSURANCE

COVERING ALL RISKS BY FIRE TO HOME, LIFE & LIMB.

UNDER this most unique FREE INSURANCE OFFER anyone above the age of 10 can be insured irrespective of sex. The premium charged by any Fire and Accident Insurance Company to secure similar benefits would certainly exceed £1. per annum. Yet this is yours absolutely free.

We have made our insurance as simple and comprehensive as possible, and shall not bother about any "Legal representative" or "agent of his." Claims will be paid to the registered reader, who must personally sign the coupon, or to the person nominated thereon, and to no one else.

A separate coupon must be filled up in respect to each person to be insured.

This offer applies only to persons residing in, and properly situated in, England, Scotland, and Wales.

The full conditions governing this scheme will be published from time to time.

WHAT WE WILL PAY:

For Damage to contents of Home by Fire up to	£200
In case of Death directly due to Fire of Registered Reader's home	£200
For the Loss of Two Limbs or Both Eyes, or One Limb and One Eye	£200
For the Loss of One Limb or One Eye ..	£100
Medical Fees for Injuries not proving fatal but incapacitating the injured person from following his, or her, employment, up to ..	£10
In the event of a Temporary Total Disablement up to 15 weeks..	£1 per week

ORDER FORM
To be retained by Newsagent.

To .....
Newsagent.

Please deliver "JOHN BULL" to me regularly until further notice.

Signed .....

Address .....

June 19, 1920.

You must also fill in the Registration Form which will be found next to this, and post it to JOHN BULL Insurance Dept., 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, where your name and the name of your nominee will be duly registered.

REGISTRATION FORM
Which must be posted to—
JOHN BULL INSURANCE DEPT., Long Acre, W.C.2.

This is to notify that I have this day placed an order for the regular weekly supply of JOHN BULL with

.....Newsagent, of

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and desire you to register me as a regular subscriber under the terms of your Insurance Scheme.

In the event of my being injured or killed, or of my home or its contents being damaged, I hereby nominate to receive any payment due under this insurance, first myself, or in the event of my death:—

Name of Nominee .....

Address .....

Signature of Insured .....
(Mr., Mrs., or Miss)

Home Address .....

June 19, 1920.

To remain qualified for this benefit, readers must continue to have "John Bull" regularly supplied to them.

Readers to whom stamp of acknowledgment of receipt of Registration Form is required

£250 RACING PRIZE MUST BE WON

FOR NAMING FIRST FOUR HORSES OR NEXT BEST COUPON RECEIVED.

This week we are offering a prize of £250 for naming the first four horses in The Stud Produce Stakes to be run at Newmarket, Wednesday, June 30, or for the next best coupon received. £250 MUST BE WON in any event, and there is NO ENTRANCE FEE.

This Competition is run in conjunction with "The National News."

LIST OF POSSIBLE RUNNERS.

ARGENTA C.	GROSVENOR C.	HONEST PENNY	ROYAL D'OR C.
ALLAN WATER	GUY FAWKES	HELOT	SERVANIA
ARGONAUT	GILFORD	HER BIRTHDAY	SWEETHEART
ARMOURER	GRAPELET	JEWELLED STAR	SWEET EVE
ARGYLE	GRITTA C.	KITTY FRASER C.	SUBLIETTE
ARGYLLA	HERMIA C.	LA COURTIERE F.	PRIDE HIGH C.
BARRIER	HERMIONE	LADY'S COLLAR F.	PORT ROYAL
BARRICA F.	HAZLE EYE	LADY QUEX F.	RANKSBOROUGH
BIRDCAGE	HYDROGEN F.	LIBRA C.	STORNELL
BACHELOR'S CALL	FAIR OPPONENT C.	MAZE	SERAPH F.
BED GOWN F.	SILVER COUNTESS F.	MY DAME F.	SPALATE C.
BRILLIANT RAY	FLOWER OF YARROW	MERETTA F.	VIM
BIRDCATCHER	FIRE BELLE	MINARET F.	WILLIAM HOHENZOLLERN
BELLEGARDE	HOTSPUR	MINSTREL F.	WAYZGOOSE
CRIMSON	HELVIA C.	MINSTAR F.	WILD WITCH F.

This list is published for the assistance of competitors, and every care has been taken to ensure its accuracy. We do not, however, guarantee that the name of every possible runner has been included. We would advise competitors to make a careful study of the racing columns in "The National News," or the "Sunday Evening Telegram" before filling up their coupons.

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

RULES (which must be strictly adhered to).

1. All attempts must be made on coupons taken from the issue of JOHN BULL and NATIONAL NEWS announcing this Competition. Coupons must be written in ink, and must be filled up in accordance with the instructions given on this page.
2. The sum of £250 (Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds) will be paid to the sender of a coupon placing the first four horses in accordance with the official result of the Stud Produce Stakes, to be run Wednesday, June 30th. If no competitor succeeds in placing the first four horses, the £250 will be awarded to the sender of the coupon placing the first three. If no competitor succeeds in sending a coupon with the first four or three horses, the £250 will be awarded to the sender of the best coupon received. In the event of a tie or ties, the £250 prize will be equally divided. No competitor can receive more than one share of the £250.
3. No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupon. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt. No correspondence will be entered into nor will interviews be granted. Any coupon on which an alteration of any kind has been made will be disqualified.
4. Any coupons received later than Monday, June 28th will be disqualified.
5. The Editor's decision must be accepted as final and legally binding in all matters concerning this Competition, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Cut out Coupon neatly and address all Entries as follows: "Stud Produce Stakes Competition, JOHN BULL, 25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2." Write "Stud Produce Stakes" in the top left-hand corner of envelope.

COMPETITORS CAN SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS THEY LIKE.

Cut Here

'JOHN BULL' FREE STUD PRODUCE STAKES COUPON.

CLOSING DATE, MONDAY, JUNE 28th.

HOW TO FILL IN THIS COUPON.
In the spaces below, opposite the words "1st," "2nd," "3rd" and "4th" respectively, **WRITE IN INK** the names of the horses you think will finish in that order.

1st.....

2nd.....

3rd.....

4th.....

Coupons must be cut—not torn out.

I enter JOHN BULL Stud Produce Stakes Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions on this page, and agree to accept the Editors' decision as final and legally binding and enter on that understanding.

Signed .....

Address.....

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20 "Bullets" Holiday Prize-winners of £5 each (Continued from opposite page.)

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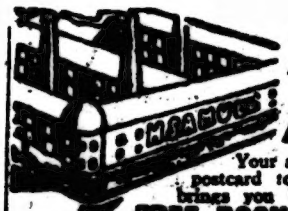

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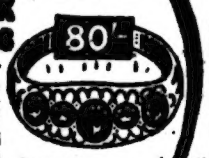

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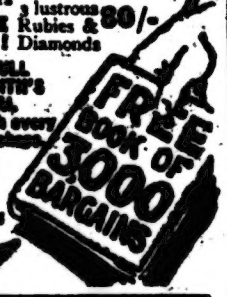

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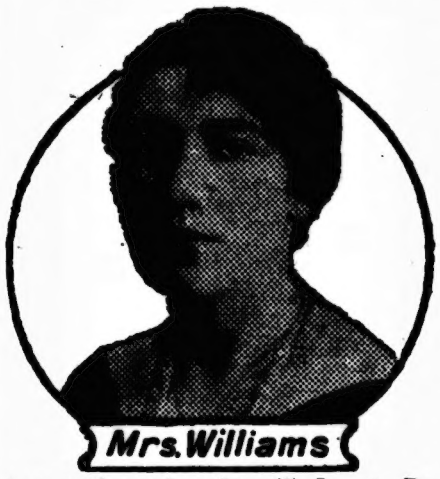

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